

# 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:

When I was honoured with the Queen's Jubilee Medal this past summer the presenter talked about my role as volunteer and President at R.J. Haney Heritage Village and Museum. The recognition was humbling because I knew I was not alone. I was representing the many many volunteers who work at Haney.



Throughout my career I have attended countless Annual General Meetings for not-for-profit societies and registered charities. I saw firsthand that most volunteers were passionate about their organizations and the good work that was being accomplished.

The R.J. Haney Village and Museum would not exist if it was not for a very dedicated and hard working volunteer team. Like other organizations with some paid staff that carry out day-to-day operations, volunteers are still critical to the organization and carry out important roles.

The key ingredient to retaining and motivating volunteers is to ensure they can have fun. This has always been important to me and after 25 years I can honestly say I'm still having a blast. This organization has a significant advantage because there are so many different volunteer opportunities. Working in the Archives, in construction and maintenance projects, gardening and caring for the grounds, decorating, helping in the kitchen, serving on the Board and Advisory Committee, assisting with the many fundraising events, collecting items for silent auctions, and grooming the trails are a few of the jobs available. The list goes on and on.

The recent Spooktacular Event is a great example: Jeanette Clement tells me we had over 160 volunteers having fun entertaining and scaring kids of all ages. Every volunteer's time is valuable and all of us must feel that we are helping and appreciated. So thank you to all the volunteers for a great year this year and if there are others that want to get more involved please give Susan, Deborah or Ted a call.

*Doug Adams*

## General Manager's Update:

It was that time of the year when we pulled on our scariest costumes and explored the spooky side of R.J. Haney Heritage Village at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spooktacular held on October 27 and 28. This year we had 1,100 ghoulish visitors over the two nights. We started each evening with live musical entertainment. Saturday we enjoyed the talented Ian Hill from the band Lead Painted Toys. Sunday evening the music of Ryan Guilbeault, also of Lead Painted Toys, filled the park.



The Spook Trail had over 30 sinisterly ghoulish static displays and 24-27 live spooks each night added to the frightening journey through the forest. The Munster and Adams Families took up residence in the haunted house. Front Street was bewitched with fun, not so scary haunts for the faint of heart.

Some Spooktacular fun facts: the Spook Trail is a ½ mile long. It takes 3 weeks to set up and 5 days to tear down and put away. 100+ volunteers are needed per night to run the event. This year we served 40 dozen hotdogs. 600 suckers were given out on the Storybook Path and author Kay McCracken read from her children's story based on Spooktacular.

This season was the opening of the Salmon Arm Museum and Heritage Association's (SAMHA) newly constructed amphitheatre. In 2011 SAMHA partnered with Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union, received a \$98,250.00 donation, giving us 75% of the funding required to build a 142 seat outdoor amphitheatre. This new facility allowed us to double our audience capacity to our 25 original dinner theatre productions. Pioneer "Billie Louie", this year's production, showed an increase of 26% in attendance.

The amphitheatre served as the stage for the music from the Louisiana Hayrides "Cowboy Show" at the Gala Opening in June. Brides and grooms choose to create memories and used the theatre as their venue for their wedding ceremonies.

*Susan Mackie's Year in Review continued on page 5*

**Volunteers of the Month:**

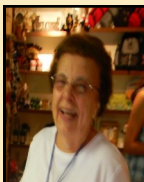
There are so many people to thank that it doesn't seem right to focus on just a few. However, the Volunteer of the Month Program report is as follows:



**June:** Sharon Adair. Sharon was instrumental in organizing the Quilter's Show. She put in an amazing number of hours.



**July:** Jean Walker. Jean almost always said yes when called and she was called often. Between Dinner Theatre, kitchen prep, and day-to-day kitchen help, Jean filled all the gaps and was a tremendous help.



**Aug:** Helen Geal. Helen was busy serving beer and wine at 24 Dinner Theatres. Helen is a great bartender!



**Sept.:** Cheryl Cruikshank. Cheryl's hours and organization of the Soirée went above and beyond the call of duty!



**Oct.:** Bryan Mills, aka Patrick, Relic, and other pseudonyms his wife calls him. Bryan showed up every day for Spooktacular set up. On weekend he worked as one of our lead parkers and then came back to take everything apart!

Honourable mention goes to Rosemary Wilson who works in the Archives, Gary Cruikshank who volunteers for several projects, and Tom Nishimura who gave 107 hours this year.

Pam Tompson and volunteers Judith Skelhorne and Sue Moret making applesauce during the Harvest School Program



**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Salmon Arm Museum & Heritage Association will host its annual**

**EDWARDIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012**

**2:00 pm – Marjorie's Tea Room**

**Bring your favourite dessert! All members are encouraged to attend. For further information phone 250-832-5243**

**Mark your calendar!  
Important Dates to remember**

- Feb. 18-23      Heritage Week at the Mall at Piccadilly
- May 15            Village opens for the season
- May 18 & 19      Pancake breakfast, 9 am-11 am.
- May 26            4<sup>th</sup> Annual High Tea
- June 16            Father's Day
- July 3-Aug. 25    Dinner Theatre
- July 14            Pioneer Day/Collectors Fair
- Aug. TBA          Soirée Fundraiser
- Aug. 11            14<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Antique Car Show
- Sept. 1            3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Burger, Beer and a Bard
- Sept. 15           16<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Celebration
- Sept. 21           Village and Tearoom closes for season
- Oct. 6              Cemetery Tour
- Oct. 26 & 27      19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spooktacular

### A Work in Progress:

Hi, my name is Shane Woods, I am the newest member of the R.J. Haney Village and Museum Construction and Maintenance Department. I officially came aboard in the spring of 2012, just in time for the season's opening and events. I was hired as a crew member on a Job Creation Project, funded by Service Canada and administered by the Employment Place in Salmon Arm.



I have enjoyed myself immensely learning all the wonderful things we do here at the village!! Between Dinner Theatre, weddings, Museum visitors, and all the other events that happen, the Village is a very busy and happenin' place.

This Fall I have been privileged to be given a four-person crew by the Job Creation Program. I have an excellent crew and we have many projects to complete over the slow season. We'll be doing maintenance and restoration of buildings in the Village. We have been working on the Haney House, finishing the restoration work begun earlier. We will be painting the Newnes Blacksmith Shop and chinking the log building that houses the new Dinner Theatre. We'll also be constructing a new informational kiosk and connector trail.



*The Crew at Haney Heritage Village*

My crew consists of one lady and three men, Mary, Russell, Nevin, and Jordan. Each member brings his or her own skills and enthusiasm to the workplace, as well as a willingness to learn how things were done at the "Turn of the Century". The team is careful and has already brought an attention to detail and professionalism to work that will be able to be seen around the village for years to come!

*Shane Woods*

### Treasurer's Report:

Here it is! An end to 2012 is rapidly approaching. As I write this article the Halloween Spooktacular event at the Village is completed and all that is left is the difficult task of clean up. This is our last event and source of income for 2012. Now for the task of analyzing the income statement in relation to continuing expenses to the end of December. This is always a process to ensure we are not in the "red" at the end of the fiscal year.



With the great work and dedication of the office staff, support staff for events and volunteers the Salmon Arm Museum and Heritage Association (SAMHA) had a fabulous year. The various events we held were very successful, attracted good crowds and, with controlling expenses, the end result was a healthy increase in net revenue. Hats off to Susan Mackie and her crew for a job well done.

As time progresses the SAMHA endeavors to become less reliant on local taxpayers for outright monetary donations to support our operations. We certainly do rely on the locals to support our events, in attendance, supporting food sales, bidding at silent auctions and volunteering their time to ensure successful events. The goal is to become more sustainable and rely less on government and granting agencies to support our operations. We saw federal and provincial government support decline during the past 2-4 years of economic downturn and had to make adjustments to programs and projects to remain in the black. We were successful in doing this and yet able to continue the great programs and events that are offered. That being said, we rely heavily on our local City Council to continue to support local heritage (i.e. Museum and Archives), the Village and the park that contains all the amenities.

On the other side of the coin the SAMHA continues to add to the development of the Heritage Village. These projects are important to the vision of the society and preservation of the local historical story. Projects are planned well into the future but cannot progress until capital is raised –an important feature of our mandate. Projects do not proceed unless the money is in the bank. It is a slow steady process but visitors continue to see additions to the Village. This certainly has been evident in the past 6-8 years. Our society relies on local businesses and volunteers to supply expertise, products, machinery, labour and monetary contributions in order to complete these planned projects. This also requires a lot of effort by staff and volunteers to plan and coordinate these projects.

*Treasurer's Report continued on page 6*

### Saying Goodbye to Wayne

Funding from Service Canada, Opportunities Fund/Work Experience and an anonymous donor allowed management at Haney Heritage Village to employ Wayne Graham this past season. Wayne was a valuable member of the Haney Team assisting with the Events and Visitor Services Department, working from May 23-Oct. 31. Wayne was also the Official Village Greeter and the Archives student Janelle Lassard showed him the ropes on how to conduct village tours. Wayne says this is the best job he has ever had. Staff and volunteers will miss Wayne and his weekly jokes.



Have a fun winter, Wayne.



**Editor's Note:** Friend of Haney Heritage Village Duncan Myers was honoured with a Queen's Jubilee award this year. Duncan sees opportunities in vistas and works hard to record the developing landscape and events at the Village.

With a history in tourism, Duncan also advises the Heritage Association on marketing opportunities. Duncan's volunteer work is not limited to Haney Heritage Village. He is a familiar face at many Shuswap Hospital Foundation functions and fundraisers.

### The GM's Year in Review from page 1:

The Roots and Blues movie event Full Moon Lightening, a documentary on Floyd Lee, was shown on the silver screen. Opera singers Melina Moore, and Peter Karrie graced the stage in July and preformed *Phantom of the Opera Returns* and James Murray returned in September for a sell out event Burger, Beer and a Bard.

In July we partnered with the Shuswap Pioneer Collectors Club for Pioneer Day. This event gave visitors to the Village an opportunity to enjoy the rich history of the Shuswap pioneers with displays and exhibits, to test their skills in our old fashioned midway, and cheer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pie Eating Contest contestants.

The month of August saw the return of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Antique Car Show, a partnership with the Shuswap Vintage Car Club. 100 vintage, classic and new cars were on display through out the Village.

Rob Sengotta, Chef and owner of Shuswap Chefs, partnered with the Association for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Soiree on Thursday August 23rd. This fund raising event supports the many extraordinary projects, restorations and operations of the Village.

With the changing of the season the Village was decorated for the 15th Harvest Celebration. This sell out event brought together some of the best culinary and drink delights that the Shuswap offers.

It is with the help and dedication of the staff, volunteers, Advisory Committee and Board of Directors, some of whom have served this organization for over 20 years, that we continue to make our events better and succeed in our efforts. Thank you for making it a great season.

*Susan Mackie*

**R.J. Haney**  
Heritage Village & Museum



### Donations and/or Membership Form

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

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

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

City & Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Also enclosed is my membership fee: Yes  No

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail to Box 1642, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P7. All monetary gifts receive a tax receipt.**

**Thank you for your generous support!**

### Curator's Report:

The Mt. Ida Cemetery tour took place as usual, the first Sunday in October and one week after the annual BC Arts Council application for funding was completed. It was Thanksgiving weekend and the list of characters could be counted on to stay around for the holiday. The sun shone and the leaves on trees were brilliant shades of autumn. Squirrels scolded from above.



Thirty-five people participated, thanks in part to Susan Mackie's interview with EZ Rock Radio. The *Observer* and *Lakeshore News* also helped, publishing feature articles on different families on the tour. Lorne Reimer of Friday A.M. supported the event with a plug each week. Van Houtte supplied the hot chocolate and Board Member Trudy Hall bought Tim Bits. Dennis Zachernuk set the scene, reading letters penned the year the cemetery was created. The author was Annie Gordon, a Valley resident writing her mother in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

One of my dearest critics, related by marriage of course, told me that people tell him that they do not sign up for my tour because it is a spooky thing to do. Somehow, having the tour in October connects to Haney Heritage Village's biggest event of the year, Spooktacular.

The thirty-five who walked the walk with me certainly weren't spooked. They heard tales of joy, heartache, birth and end of life. They also heard amusing stories that made some Mt. Ida cemetery residents memorable. I am also sure they left feeling a little more acquainted with Salmon Arm's pioneer citizens, familiar with the layout of old section of the cemetery, and, even if they do not admit it, just a little happy to be on the grassy side of life.

*Deborah Chapman*

### Trails are named!

In 2011 the Board of Directors decided to do something different. It took an opportunity to acknowledge two past members who had made significant contributions in the development of Haney Heritage Village.

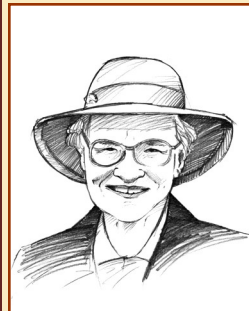
Both women were also members of the Naturalists Club and, when the newly developed trails at Haney Heritage Village needed names, the choice was obvious. The Board chose to honour two women with very different stories.

Helenita's Trail is named for Board Member and President Helenita Harvey who, along with others, was tragically killed in an automobile accident en route to an Historical Society gathering.



When R.J. Haney's daughter, Marjorie Fulton, offered her forty acre parcel and 1910 farmhouse to Helenita as a gift, Helenita refused. She saw the property's potential as a heritage attraction and its very secluded natural setting as a place for all to enjoy.

Under Helenita's guidance, a new era of museum interpretation began as activities moved from a small building in downtown Salmon Arm to the parkland we operate today. The Board and Staff are very grateful for Helenita's insight and leadership.



Mary Lou's Trail is named for long time Board Member Mary Lou Tapson Jones. Raised on a homestead at Canoe Point on Shuswap Lake, Mary Lou's family lived on a farm without road access, electricity, or running water. She and her brothers received their education by correspondence, encouraged by parents who instilled a love of literature, music, and nature.

Mary Lou wrote *Perilous Charmers; Poisonous Plants of the Pacific Northwest* and co-authored the first checklist of *Wildflowers, Trees and Shrubs of the Shuswap*. She was active in developing the nature trails at Haney Heritage Village and designed our first nature interpretive program.

Mary Lou is also greatly missed.

*Deborah Chapman  
Drawings by Justin Maas*

*All Spooktacular volunteers were entered into a draw. Congratulations to the winners!*



Donna Adams  
Kathy Astill  
Dave Bateman  
Wes Gano  
Ted Peters  
Doug Adams

*There were two noteworthy retirements this year:*



Cookie Marlene Wilgosh retired this summer. Retired second cook Judith Skelhorne stepped in to help during the busy months. Judith has now retired a second time. The Team at Haney misses you ladies and hopes you are having fun!



***Regular Admission to the Village and Museum is by donation.***

See our website [www.salmonarmuseum.org](http://www.salmonarmmuseum.org)  
for times and admission to events  
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**Treasurer's Report cont. from page 3**

Maintenance of the village buildings is an ongoing concern. The board is aware of this and good planning efforts are in place to ensure that continued maintenance is undertaken on a timely basis. The society has been successful in soliciting local groups, businesses and volunteers to aid in maintenance projects.

In conclusion I would like to say that the financial state of the SAMHA is solid. We have been able to adjust to economic times because of the ability to alter what we do. Also the great community support shown to the organization is a "positive rush". The society could not survive in its present state without the local support. This non-profit society will soon reach an annual budget of one half million dollars, dollars that are wisely spent to preserve and display the history of the Shuswap.

**Gary Cruikshank**

**The Stats are in!**

At the end of each season we collate statistics. Tourist agencies and other cultural institutions tell us the numbers of tourists were down this year. This may be so, but more people came out to participate in events and programs, attend dinner theatre, and volunteer at Haney Heritage Village. Honourable mention goes to all the volunteers who helped with the construction of the SASCU Presents Haney Theatre. Well done volunteers and staff!

<b>Our year in summary</b>	2010	2011	2012
Visitors	13,427	12,176	11,491
Volunteers	259	265	302
Volunteer hours	5,204	5,152	6,954
Attendance at events and programmes	1,303	1,544	2,107
Attendance -Dinner Theatre	1,604	1,760	2,340
School Programmes	528	494	510
Artifacts catalogued	39,329	40,339	41,784
Archival Fonds	106	108	115
Tourist Info Centre visitors	11,448	10,786	9,592