



Heritage Update

To keep you informed about current heritage news and events, we bring you our Heritage Updates via email. We hope you will find these periodic newsletters both useful and entertaining.

Your feedback is welcome!

President's Report:

As we announced last fall, we are embarking on an exciting new 140 seat amphitheatre for the summer dinner theatre and other events at Haney Village. We have partnered with Salmon Arm Savings & Credit Union for this huge project. The outdoor stage, back drop, and excavation work have now been completed and in the next few months Gary Cruikshank, Construction Supervisor; Garry Landers, Project Chairman, and their crew will add the new seating, sound system, lighting system, as well as completing the landscaping and finishing touches. The setting is beautiful in the forest and very accessible with a meandering pathway through the trees from the village.

Susan Mackie, our General Manager, has headed up the "Seat Sale" program which to date has been very successful. In fact she has just reported that we have received a donation to mark the 100th seat and have only 42 more seats to sell.

Everyone who purchases a seat for \$250 or a bench for \$1000 will be acknowledged on the theatre benches with a small plaque. So if you want to join in donating to the amphitheatre project please contact Susan. I'm sure you will be proud to have your name associated with SASCU presents Haney Theatre for years to come.

This will not only be an asset for the RJ Haney Heritage Village and Museum but also to the community of Salmon Arm, to host plays, musical events, weddings, and outdoor presentations.

Please join us for the big party we are planning for the grand opening in June this year, and come out to see the new venue for our summer Villains and Vittles Theatre production by Peter Blacklock.

Doug Adam, President

General Manager's Update:

With the arrival of spring the anticipation of the event season at Haney is building momentum.

You are invited on May 19th and 20th to enjoy a home style pancake breakfast in Marjorie's Tea Room marking the opening of our season. While at the Village wander around and see what is new. The winter months have seen the restoration at the Haney House coming to completion and the construction of a new home for our highly anticipated dinner theatre. A new trail has been added linking the amphitheatre to the Village. You can enjoy 2.34 km of easy walking trails that weave through the stands of conifer and along Canoe Creek. They are a welcoming place for anyone wanting a break.

I want to invite you and your friends to our 3rd Annual High Tea on Sunday May 27th. This event is a lovely afternoon of social graces with games, stories, entertainment and of course high tea service. Tickets are now on sale and seating is limited.

June is a busy month; we have an exciting new partnership with Relay for Life. This life changing event gives our community the opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember and honour loved ones lost to cancer, and fight back for a future without cancer. We are honoured to be a part of this event and welcome them to the Village June 1st and 2nd.

Saturday June 9th brings "Pieces of History Re-stitched" a one day Quilting Show you won't want to miss, featuring reproduction quilts from the 1800s. Other special exhibits will be reproduction samplers and at the Haney House you will be able to view the Salmon Arm Museum's collection of quilts and bed coverings. One coverlet is from 1833 and has a unique family story to go with it.

I am looking forward to my third season at the Village and the excitement and activity that the events bring.

Susan Mackie, General Manager

Construction Manager's Report



The Grand Dame is getting a facelift! With the beginning of my 19th season at Haney Heritage Village, I am continuing with the planned maintenance schedule.

We were only going to replace the roof of the Haney House. However, as with all renovations, after further investigation things blossomed! Now, the house has a new taper sawn cedar shingle roof, one of her chimneys has been replaced, the north and south walls have been repainted. We also did the three R's on the window trim—restored, replaced and repaired. Each of the three verandahs has also received attention. Having gone this far, we inspected the insulation in the attic and found it sadly low. With the financial assistance of the City of Salmon Arm, this year we will be replacing the current R-5 with R-44 insulation.

There is still much to be done! Gutters and downspouts will be replaced and the walls and windows on the east and west side will be repaired and repainted. The leaded glass windows on either side of the south chimney are badly weathered and are in process of being refurbished.

I would like to thank the following supporters for assisting in upgrading our valuable asset:

- The Province of British Columbia – Job Creation Program
- Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia
- City of Salmon Arm
- Axel Hvidberg of Glass Protects for the UV filters on the storm windows
- Salmon Arm Quilters' Guild
- Ark Masonry for the work on the chimneys
- Jim Crawford with Northstar Scaffolding
- Bruce Mackie for providing his spray painter and labor

Ted McTaggart, Construction Manager



ANNOUNCEMENT

Salmon Arm Museum and Heritage Association

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday May 15th, 2012

7:30 pm – Marjorie's Tea Room

All members and the public are encouraged to attend, election of officers. For further information phone

250-832-5243

Mark Your Calendar!

2012 Events Schedule

- ✓ May 16 - Village opens for the season
- ✓ May 19 & 20 - Pancake breakfasts
- ✓ May 27 - High Tea (*Tickets on Sale*)
- ✓ June 1 & 2 - Relay for Life
- ✓ June 9 - Quilting Show
"Pieces of History Re-stitched"
- ✓ June 17 - Father's Day
- ✓ July 1 to Aug 24 - Dinner Theatre
(by reservation only)
- ✓ July 8 - Pioneer Day/Collectors Fair
- ✓ Aug 4 - Soirée an Evening at Haney
with Shuswap Chefs
- ✓ Aug 12 - 13th Annual Classic Car Show
- ✓ Sept 2 - Burger Beer and A Bard
Stories with James Murray
- ✓ Sept 16 - 15th Annual Harvest Celebration
- ✓ Sept 22 - Village Closes
- ✓ Oct 7 - Cemetery Tour
- ✓ Oct 27 & 28 - Spooktacular

Regular Admission to the Village and Museum is by donation.

Visit our website www.salmonarmmuseum.org
for times and admission to events



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Curator's Notes by Deborah Chapman



A new exhibit is in the works. The topic is Billie (Wm.) Louie, the last of the Shuswap paddle wheel captains. Every new exhibit requires research. I recently visited Billie's only child Allen in North Vancouver. We'd been talking since last August when I first proposed the idea of the exhibit.

With little more than an introduction and handshake, I was given access to a treasure of family photographs documenting the life of an extraordinary man.

Allen shared his father's biography. Billie Louie was born near Chase at Shuswap to parents Lau Sze and Ah Chew. Given the name Wee Lee, he was raised on Sullivan Ranch, attending the little schoolhouse built by Whitfield Chase and Donald McPherson. He went by the name of William then, preferring his "English" name.

When Billie's father died unexpectedly, he was required to support the family at 15 years of age. According to family history, he worked for the Adams River Lumber Company as a handyman in the machine shop. Louie taught himself how to repair gas and diesel engines, calling himself an internal combustion engineer and became expert at repairing Rumley tractors. He built a freight barge with a tractor engine, calling it the "Sea Tractor" with a propeller that could be raised from the wheelhouse when the barge hit shallow water. Then he set to hauling horses, firewood and freight. Eventually he sold the craft to the Adams River Lumber Company.

Louie captained the Andover and CR Lamb and worked for the Shuswap Transportation Company. Getting his Master's Certificate, or captain's papers, wasn't an easy task. Louie had to lobby for the right to have an examination against complaints from established Masters. Rudely, they protested, "Why give it to a Chinaman?" This theme recurred for decades.

Effective lobbying resulted in the federal authorities requiring their local examiners to test Louie. When he wrote his exam it was with perfect penmanship. Upon completion, not only did Louie "pass" but his examination papers were kept as an example of exceptional work.

Employment on the Shuswap waterways continued until Louie decided to venture out onto his own in 1933. He purchased the CR Lamb with the idea of serving isolated areas of the Shuswap not already served by rail or road. He expanded his business, shipping products and produce cheaper than the competition.

When Louie was awarded the mail contract, critics were vocal. Why didn't the "Canadian" Masters get the job?

Louie's struggles came to a head when he outfitted the CR Lamb for cruises up and down the Shuswap. The provincial government of the day was also constructing. When the new bridge at Pritchard was built across the South Thompson in 1933 the designing engineers erred. The river was classed by the Federal Government as navigable but Louie's ship, the CR Lamb, couldn't pass underneath.

The press was both relentless and offensive. Victoria's Daily Colonist reported that "REBUILDING BRIDGE THAT CHINESE MAY MARKET POTATOES". According to author Art Downs, Louie's response was that as he was born, brought up, and educated in Canada, he had fair reason to consider himself Canadian. Furthermore, he didn't own or grow potatoes and if he did it wouldn't make much sense carrying them from Chase to Kamloops. He went on to state that the CR Lamb was thoroughly overhauled and that he intended to run her between Kamloops and Shuswap Lake."



The Dominion instructed the Province of British Columbia to fix the problem and a lift span was installed to accommodate the Lamb.

Louie went on to build a successful fuel and cartage business. He worked hard and represented his community as a respected Kamloops School Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Trade. He was Canadian.

Deborah Chapman, Curator



CR Lamb



Louie Family

From The Volunteer Coordinator:

As with all nonprofit organizations, our volunteers at R.J. Haney are valuable assets who take on a variety of non-glamorous jobs from setting up and taking down events to parking cars and washing dishes. Each year the database grows and shrinks as new people decide to help out at the Village while others move on to other things. However, no matter what the transformation, it seems we never have a large enough volunteer pool and far too often the same faces are seen busily working from function to function.

Earlier this year, Susan and I took in a couple of courses at OUC, one of which dealt with volunteering. We were given a few tips on recruitment and discovered that we're on the right track with our methods so far. Although volunteer recruitment will always be an ongoing challenge, hopefully 2012 will be a successful one in this area.

Events are not the only areas volunteers can contribute though. We'd like to recognize and thank both Jenny Benade and Ed Campbell for finding other ways to make a difference.

This year marks Jenny's third volunteer year with us. She has helped with a number of events including Dinner Theatre, Harvest Celebration, weddings, and most recently Heritage Week. Last year after logging over 40 hours with us, her dedication was recognized by her employer. As a result, the Royal Bank of Canada donated \$500 to us in Jenny's name.

Ed has been volunteering for us for ten years helping with event setup and take down. You can also find him walking the Spook Trail as a guide or watching over our silent auctions. Ed, who's a career Log Home Builder, also makes canoes. Last year we sold one of his canoes on his behalf and he donated \$1000 from the profits of the sale back to us. He is planning to do the same for us this year. Ed also built and donated the beautiful children's sleigh which was used as a draw prize during our Christmas Seat Sale promotion.

We are delighted to have both Jenny and Ed back with us this season, and hope they will continue to volunteer for many more years.

Jeanette Clement, Volunteer Coordinator

From the Gardener:

Another winter has passed and spring is almost upon us at the Village. This year I will be participating in the Pioneer School Program and taking the children on the tours of the newly upgraded nature trails teaching them about the native plants that grow at Haney.

I have also been planning a workshop in the spring on "How to build your very own authentic moss basket." I am always getting many compliments and questions about the Village baskets and look forward to sharing my secret garden tips. If you are interested in participating please contact the Visitor Services Department at the Museum for dates and information.

This will be another exciting year of gardening, landscaping the new amphitheatre and pathway to the Village. I would like to remind everyone that I am always looking for new volunteers and I am happy for any small amount of help in caring for this beautiful 40 acre park. Give Jeanette a call if you have some spare time and would like to help in the gardens. Take care and see you in the spring.

Lynn Herbert, Horticulturist



Please fill out the information below and return it with your cheque payable to R.J. Haney Heritage Village and the Salmon Arm Museum Annual General Meeting Tuesday May 15th, 2012 Marjorie's Tea Room 7:30pm

Name: _____
Address: _____
Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____
Donation: \$ _____
Also enclosed is my membership fee: \$10.00 yes no
Total enclosed: \$ _____

City & Province: _____
Email: _____
Project: _____
Date: _____

Please mail to Box 1642, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P7. All monetary gifts receive a tax receipt. Thank you for your generous support!

Heritage Week 2012 - Energy in British Columbia – A Powerful Past, a Sustainable Future

This year Heritage Week was celebrated at The Mall at Piccadilly February 20-25. The mall was transformed for a week with exhibits from organizations and individuals. I had the opportunity to visit the display by the Pioneer Collectors Club and was given a guided tour of the many motors on display. June Griswold had a different display every day. I particularly enjoyed her collection of toys from her childhood.

Once again we had great support from businesses and individuals with donations for the silent auction. The three day silent auction was busy with folks watching over their favourite bidding item right to the end.

Saturday was family fun day and the mall was lively with families all day. Jane's Place kicked off the morning and hosted our Pioneer Breakfast. Pies for the "Best of the Shuswap Pie Baking Contest" started arriving early; this year saw thirty pies entered into the contest.

Congrats to the 2012 Winners: 1st Place – Gloria Alexander with an apple raspberry pie, 2nd Place – Peggy Dewick with an apple pie and 3rd Place – Bonnie Peterson with an apple pie.

"The Best of the Shuswap Pie Auction" was thrilling to watch. One of Gene Ludwig's apple pies was auctioned for \$1200.00 and Irene Campbell's half a blueberry pie raised \$750.00.

It goes without saying that with the generous support from the Salmon Arm community Heritage Week has become one of our biggest fund raisers of our season. Thank you to all who donated, volunteered, attended, purchased, baked, and supported this event. Big thank you to The Mall at Piccadilly for co-hosting, we are looking forward to next year's Heritage Week.

Susan Mackie



Silent Auction



Pioneer Collectors Club

Heritage Week Photo Album

Gwen, Irene and Jenna



Our Exhibit



Bonnie Gold Panning



"Pieces of History Re-Stitched" Quilting Show Display



Nancy, Jenny, Evelyn & Kathy



Congratulations to the 2012 Winners



June Griswold



Dwayne, Terry, Rich, Rob, Mary Jo & Peter (Judges)



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Work Well Done!

March brings an end to the Job Creation and Shuswap Association for Community Living Programs. Many projects were accomplished at the Village since the program began in May 2011.

Tammy inventoried all the events supplies and stock starting with Spooktacular and created a database. David worked on scanning negatives and scrapbook images and the Virtual Museum "Story of Ruth". Jonathan, AJ and Shane were busy in maintenance and restoration working on the Laitinen and Haney House, the new amphitheatre and many other projects. Wayne joined us in November and was a valuable member of our team taking great care of cleaning the Museum and Tea Room.

On behalf of SAMHA, I would like to thank each of them for their hard work and wish them good luck in their future endeavours. We would like to acknowledge the contribution from Service Canada for these two valuable programs.

Susan Mackie



Tammy, JCP Events



David, JCP Archives



Shane, Jonathan and AJ, JCP Maintenance and Restoration



Wayne, SACLP Visitor Services

Village Development Plans In The Works!



During 2011 The Museum Association conferred to consultant Culyer Page of Heritage Interpretation Services in Victoria to prepare a plan for future development in the Village. Page explored options for development of all areas of the property. In January 2012 the plan was adopted by the Board and several projects were identified. On the list is a new entrance kiosk in the main parking area and a new path to the Village.

A new timber frame kiosk will be located at the parking lot and will have space for directional information to the various locations on the property along with details on events, programs, and the nature trail map.

The new path will take visitors downhill toward the Village from the north side of the parking lot. The path will enter the woods and cross a small bridge before arriving at the Village. In the woods the path links directly to the nature trail at the junction leading to the future homestead site. In his plan Culyer writes that: *"Visitors arriving on the path will be enclosed in the woods and then experience a first dramatic Village view when emerging from the woods into the open space of the main street"*.

These two projects will impact the first impression of visitors to the Village and funds need to be secured. An application was submitted to the City of Salmon Arm's Grants-in-Aid and we received the good news that the Adjudication Committee from the Shuswap Community Foundation supported the project. \$3,000.00 was received and work will start as soon as weather permits. The Board is grateful to the City of Salmon Arm and Shuswap Community Foundation for supporting this project.

If you would like help with this or other projects at the Village by volunteering or making a donation please contact the Museum at 250-832-5243.

By Norma Harish Vice President

To celebrate the beginning of spring, please join us for our

3rd Annual High Tea

Sunday May 27th, 2012 1:00-3:00 PM

Enjoy tea goodies, sandwiches and sweets surrounded in the beautiful gardens of Haney Heritage Village. A social afternoon filled with live music, stories and entertainment.

Space is limited tickets \$20.00

Call 250-832-5243

Reservations are required

We at R.J. Haney Heritage Village and Museum wish 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.

