



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!



A message from the President

2020 was a really strange year for the Salmon Arm Museum and R. J. Haney Heritage Village. We made the difficult decision to keep the Village and Museum closed for the season due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Thank you to Manager Susan Mackie and Curator Deborah Chapman for all their hard work in 2020. There was still a great deal of activity in the Village. Contractors and staff completed the renovation of the former museum gallery and archives into the new Sprig of Heather Restaurant with a kitchen any chef would be proud to work in and seating for 145 indoors and under cover outdoors. Susan and her staff and Deborah and her volunteers kept things moving forward. Susan, Deborah and Doug Adams were diligent in seeking out any funding opportunities offered due to the Pandemic and were very successful so the Association weathered the year in a good position despite being closed.

Deborah worked closely with Cuyler Paige and design and planning for the Children's Museum and Discovery Center was completed. Constructions on that project started early in 2021 it is slated for opening this season. I want to thank the Shuswap Rotary Club who is busy building many of the components for the outdoor area of the discovery centre. Their generous donation of funds and time will help complete this exciting project and we are confident the Centre will become a destination for families from far and wide.

Everyone at the Village works very hard all year to make sure the museum property is operating efficiently. Our history is carefully preserved and presented for the education and entertainment of our visitors. Thanks to Bruce Mackie, Tara Watson, Debbie Stone, Debbie Sturgeon, Mellissa Robertson, and the rest of construction, maintenance, kitchen, garden and crew and for all their hard work on the numerous projects in progress during the year. Volunteers from our Board
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From the desk of the GM

The Shuswap's Largest Heritage Attraction is open for business!

We have had a great start to the 2021 season despite the curve balls that Covid -19 has thrown at us. Haney staff and volunteers have risen to the challenges, and we are back better than ever. Be sure to start your visit with a trip to our [coronavirus prevention](#) page, where you will find updates and protocols to prepare you before you arrive at the Village and Museum.



The Village is rich with people from Salmon Arm's past. Ringing the School House bell and teaching the three R's is Miss Halpenny. Known to be unlikable, Bertha Puff is busy in the Millinery sewing dresses and selling hats. Reading from the daily newsprint is George Armstrong at the Salmon Arm Observer. Are you looking for some tips on gold panning? Stop by and talk to Pete the Gold Widow. She will always make sure you leave with gold. Cyril Thomson has a new McLaughlan for sale in the Lester Thomson Garage, or you can ring him for a taxi ride. Although jilted in love, Vira Stirling has the Sprig of Heather open for business. Visit the Haney interpreters this season and see Salmon Arm history come alive through their stories.

Also, on your next visit with the newly designed Village map in hand, check out the new dioramas in the Montebello Building, the Salmon Arm Observer and the Demers and Tillman pool hall and barbershop. On Front Street, stop by Mah Yick's Laundry Service. The Village is open seven days a week in July and August.

Enjoy a unique lunch experience at the Sprig of Heather. Open every Wednesday – Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. With outdoor patio seating and views of the Village from every table.

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The Salmon Arm Museum and Heritage Association is grateful to the Secwepemc First Nation, on whose traditional territory we live, work, and play.

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and Advisory helped clean up the trails and assisted staff with projects as needed.

Normally I would give you the stats of the numbers of visitors but of course there were none. I can say that in 2020 176 researchers were served in the archives and 3 dioramas were completed.

A grand opening for the Children's Museum and Discovery Centre will be held as soon as public health regulations allow. Congratulations to Deborah and everyone who helped her for all the hard work on this important permanent exhibit. Work on the Observer News Paper shop and the Lingford Photo Studio is nearing completion as well.

I want to thank the Federal and Provincial Governments for their ongoing Covid 19 supports such as the wage subsidy program which has kept our core staff employed.

Once again our community and Board members have been very generous with donations for phase two and three to complete the Sprig of Heather and Children's Museum and Discovery centre. All donations are appreciated big and small. We have received generous donations from individuals, local businesses and community organizations. I would love to name them all, but inevitably someone will be missed so I will thank everyone who has stepped up with cash, materials and in kind donations. All of these will be recognized on our monitor in the Montebello building when we are open.

This coming season will be challenging for everyone involved and we all can do our part by supporting Susan and Deborah and the staff to make the best of a very difficult situation. Things are improving but we are in for another year of Covid 19 precautions and protocols so opening the Village will require a lot of planning and hard work.

Manager Susan Mackie has worked hard to keep up with all the changing Covid 19 restrictions, guidelines and protocols. It has not been easy navigating the government websites and trying to get answers from officials who don't have any. It is up to us to make sure we do our part by getting vaccinated and following all the Covid 19 rules in place in the Village. As always volunteers will be a crucial part of our operations this year. Please give your time if you are able, it is greatly appreciated.

Norma Harisch, President

From the desk of the GM from page 1

The menu includes a daily special. Sandwiches are made with in-house baked bread, fresh fillings, and greens served with your choice of our homemade signature soups or garden salad with homemade dressings. There is always a variety of baked goodies on hand. You can view the [menu on our website](#).

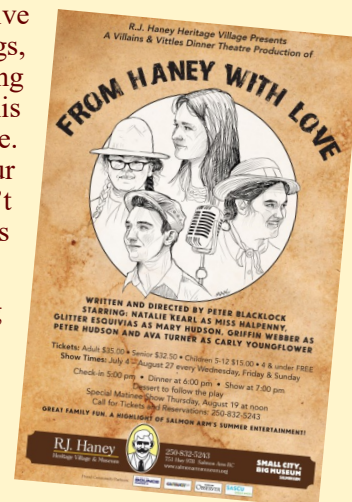


The great t-shirt give-away is now on! Opening on July 30, every child who visits the Children's Museum and Discovery Centre this season will receive a t-shirt designed by local artist Justin Maas while supplies last. This give-away is in partnership with SASCU, Total Office and

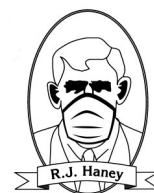
Spectrum Signworks. The hands-on exhibits are designed for children and their grown-ups to learn and play together and are themed around the natural elements at the Heritage Village, the water of the Shuswap and our early settlers.

This season Villian and Vittles Dinner Theatre presents "From Haney With Love." The show is in the format of a radio play on the air at H-A-N-Y Radio. Join us for an evening full of imaginative dialogue, toe-tapping songs, and sound effects that bring the characters to life in this incredible live performance. If you have not reserved your tickets dinner theatre, don't wait too long. Seating is limited.

There is always something special to do at the Village. I look forward to seeing you here soon.



Susan Mackie, General Manager





Secwépemc Landmarks Village

When Adams Lake Band Councillor Shelley Witzky and Libby Jay Chisholm set up a meeting with General Manager Susan Mackie and me in January, I

warned her about the ice. The meeting wasn't until the end of February, but the parking lot was a skating rink

"Wear your Yak Tracks," I said.

Shelley was a band representative for the Secwépemc Landmarks and Trail Sign Project and she and Libby wanted to see the area recommended for the Secwepemc landmarks proposed for the site. I was looking forward to meeting Shelley. I hadn't seen her since she was a toddler.

Shelley and I had been corresponding on another topic for several months. I had written to the Shuswap Tribal Council looking for help with an exhibit I'd been planning. COVID-19 put a kybosh into my plans to interview people who had been influenced by one of my favourite people, the late Dr. Mary Thomas. Somehow Shelley got my name and gave me a call. She was willing to help. Her mother, Cecilia Sampson George, had written an essay about Shelley's Grand Aunt Mary Thomas.

I was quick to make the connection. I recognized Shelley's name. My mother and Shelley's mother, Cecilia, were good friends from my Kamloops days. Cecilia had been coming to our house since I was in elementary school. She and her kids also came to the cabin at the lake with us, putting up with the outhouse and cooking on a wood stove. You have to be close to someone to share an outhouse with them!

In November we talked about our mothers. I asked after Cecilia. Sadly, she had passed away four years earlier. By all accounts Cecilia did not always have it easy. She was a product of the Residential School in Kamloops. Then came marriage and babies and that's when my mom met Cecilia. I think they met through [Mika-Nika](#), a cross-cultural friendship association. Whatever the reason for the connection, a strong bond grew. There were twenty years between the women. Cecilia settled in to life in North Kamloops, raising her two sons and, a little later, a much loved but very spoiled daughter.

There were life changes for Cecilia. Shelley told me that her mother, having lost her status when she married outside her culture, was an active member of the B.C. Native Women's Society. Cecilia worked tirelessly to remove the discriminatory section of the Indian Act that had stripped her and others of their rights. She also celebrated when she regained it when Bill C-31 was passed in 1985. I know my mother was delighted when Cecilia told her on a visit accompanied by endless cups of tea.

Whatever the changes – my parents moved to Vernon, Cecilia moved to Oliver – Cecilia and her family stayed in touch visiting my parents and I am sure Marg, my mother, continued to put the kettle on.

Had she been alive, I can only imagine the pride my mother would have felt when her friend Cecilia told her that she'd upgraded her education at the age of 56, obtained a BA at the age of 60, and completed her MA at the age of 62. At some point Cecilia wrote an essay that Shelley shared with me. It was the meat and potatoes of why I wanted to create an exhibit honouring Dr. Mary Thomas. Cecilia wrote in her essay, "If Dr. Mary Thomas can do it, I can too."

Mary Thomas was an inspiration to many. She was the tie that still binds people together, but Shelley and I had found another tie. We

had our mothers' friendships. I was smiling inside when I told Shelley she was a gift from her mother to me.

<https://collections.irshdc.ubc.ca/index.php/Detail/entities/46>

<https://infotel.ca/newsitem/horror-of-kamloops-residential-school-marked-with-provincial-stop-of-interest-sign/it65611>

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Cecilia Witzki nee Sampson and Hubert George

Curator, Deborah Chapman



*Some of the best memories are made at R.J. Haney Heritage Village.
See you in 2021!*



The Children's Museum and Discovery Centre is coming to life

Last January Deb Sturgeon painted the space before construction began. Flooring was sourced from Dinoflex and ordered. The company was eager to help and we know we were given a great deal. When it arrived, it was spread out and left to sit for two days, getting

acclimatized to the space. Construction and Maintenance Manager Bruce Mackie and volunteer Gary Cruikshank installed the flooring. We are lucky that Bruce and Gary took time off from their home projects to come in before the season's start. When the installation was complete, we took photos. The design was magical.

Marcel and Jason at Van Hoog Construction started building and laying out the structures that would make the museum become 3-D. It felt like they were doing a Tetris block building exercise when I went to see their progress in March. Small 2 x 4s were being cut to accommodate curves in the design. There were a lot of blocks cut.

Cuyler Page, our Heritage Consultant and Children's Museum designer, provided the detailed drawings of the counters, story centre, dock, and steamboat. In the meantime, Neskonlith Band Counsellor and Knowledge Keeper Louis Thomas recommended Lloyd Charlie and Lloyd Purdaby to build a replica of a dugout canoe. Louis stayed involved sending us images of the canoe being made. Things were really hopping!

When the dock was installed, the space came to life. Marcel had learned a trick to make the wood look aged. He told us about his secret recipe of two types of vinegar soaked in steel wool for a couple of days. He had Jason paint on the rusty looking mix to gently sanded boards. Overnight the boards greyed and weathered indoors! His next step is to seal in any slivers with satin Varathane. We want our little people safe!

Along the way small changes and adaptations had to be made. The first was shimming up a floor that sloped over an inch and a half in a span of 10 feet. Then it was the canoe. The plan had it angled towards the north wall, but it looked and felt better angled towards the dock. All of a sudden the static piece had energy! There was a momentary pause in the construction when Marcel figured out that the steamboat's delicate fringe was in the way of the new LED lights. These small changes were a hiccup, but it is a lucky thing that our Construction and Maintenance Manager knew how and was willing to cheerfully solve these problems.

People started hearing about the project from our Facebook posts. Mr. Lego, Daryl Arychuk called and offered help. He donated small kits to the project. He also promised to prime our pump with a display for the summer. Daryl and Cuyler talked about a derby race track for Lego. The plan changed again....

Zoologist Dr. John Woods emailed and offered to help with the nature side of the discovery centre. He will make sure we get the graphics right for this area. I love getting things right!

Off-site the salmon pinball machine and water wall are becoming more than a concept. Across from the Discovery Centre, the site's outdoor play area is being re-developed with the help of the Shuswap Rotary Club. There's such an energy to this project! Thank you donors for making a dream come true. This project will be the site's highlight for many.

Curator, Deborah Chapman



**Canada
Summer
Jobs**

R.J. Haney Heritage Village and Museum wish to thank the Canada Summer Jobs for helping provide the many workers that are needed to make Haney Heritage such a welcoming and insightful destination.

Villains and Vittles Dinner Theatre at R.J. Haney Heritage Village

R.J. Haney Heritage Village is celebrating twenty-seven years of Villains and Vittles Dinner Theatre Productions. This season the Village is proud to present on the stage of the SASCU Amphitheatre "From Haney – With Love."

When Carly Youngflower arrives in town, Peter Hudson falls in love at first sight. Even though he has never spoken to her, Peter knows that she loves him as well.

The Chautauqua, an educational and entertainment show that travels across North America, is coming to town next week. As part of the educational component, Miss Halpenny's class has been asked to prepare a pageant that shows the town's history. Miss Halpenny has asked Peter and his sister Mary to take on lead roles in the pageant. What will happen when Carly joins the cast?



Our talented cast of "From Haney - With Love" is Natalie Kearl as Miss Halpenny, Glitter Esquivias as Mary Hudson, Griffin Webber as Peter Hudson and Ava Turner as Carly Youngflower.



Back for his eleventh successful season as writer and director is the local playwright, Peter Blacklock. Peter fills his plays with original musical scores and humorous storytelling that will whisk you

away to not so far off places while sharing our history along the way.

We wanted to be light-hearted and caring with this presentation and give the love back to the community shown to Haney, especially through the darkness of the past year.

Opening night is July 4, with shows every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings in July and August and a special matinee performance on Thursday, August 19. Check-in starts at 5:00 pm. Come and enjoy a home-cooked dinner with all the pioneer fixings served from the Sprig of Heather restaurant, and dessert will follow the play with homemade rhubarb crisp and ice cream. Adults \$35, seniors \$32.50, children five to twelve are \$15 and children four and under are FREE. Reservations are a must!

"From Haney – With Love" is a not-to-be-missed highlight of Salmon Arm's summer entertainment! Seating is limited. For more information or to reserve your tickets, call 250-832-5243. Visit our website at www.salmonarmmuseum.org or like us at facebook.com/Haneyheritage.

Daily Admission

Adults	Age 18-64	\$12.00
Seniors	Age 65 and over	\$10.00
Students	Age 6-17 Including students with valid student ID	\$ 9.00
Children	Aged 5 and under	FREE
Family		\$30.00
Two adults (parents or guardians) and all dependent children under the age of 18 OR two grandparents and all grandchildren under the age of 18		
Groups of 10 or more		15% discount
Must pre-paid 24 hrs in advance		

What is included in daily admission:

Village, Museum, and trail access, house tour and daily scheduled programs

Annual Pass

Adults	Age 18-64	\$25.00
Seniors	Age 65 and over	\$20.00
Students	Age 6-17 Including students with valid student ID	\$18.00
Children	Aged 5 and under	FREE
Family		\$60.00
Two adults (parents or guardians) and all dependent children under the age of 18 OR two grandparents and all grandchildren under the age of 18		

What is included in your annual pass:

Village, Museum and trail access, house tour and daily scheduled programs, and receive \$1.00 off gate admission to the following events: Father's Day, Pioneer Day, Spooktacular and Classic Antique Car Show.

Special Events and Visitors

Visitors to the Archives	Visitors Pass Free
Visitors to the Restaurant Only	Visitors Pass Free
Visitors Making a Donation	Visitors Pass Free

Ticketed Events - Gate admission is included in the ticket price, includes High Tea, Concerts, Dinner Theatre, Harvest Celebration, Soiree, Burger and a Beer

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R.J. Haney
Heritage Village & Museum



Volunteers are the backbone of our operations; we would not be able to do our job without their hard work, positive energy and dedication.

Join our team of volunteers and make someone's visit to the Village a memorable one!

Email volunteer@salmonarmmuseum.com or call 250.832.5243

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Houseboat Vacation Raffle

Remember to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win:

1st prize — a Twin Anchors Houseboat Vacation

3 or 4 nights vacation aboard a Cruise Craft II Houseboat, 15 sleeper houseboat. Valid for the 2022 season between the dates of May 1st and June 8th.

2nd. prize — handcrafted Custom Armoire Cabinet.

Donated by Renaissance Joinery & Millwork.

Tickets are only 1 for \$10.00

Draw date September 18th, 2021, 1:00pm at R.J. Haney Heritage Village.

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Congratulations to the winner of the 2020 Membership List Draw

Pat Turner

Proud winner of 2 tickets for the 2021 Dinner Theatre season featuring "From Haney with Love".



Join us in 2021 for "From Haney with Love"! Shows every Wed, Fri and Sun in July and August. Reservations are a must, call 250-832-5243! A highlight of Salmon Arm's summer entertainment.



New faces at Haney



Hello, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Ale, and I am the new Volunteer Coordinator at R.J. Haney Heritage Village.

I love volunteering; it is not just that it keeps me busy, but it is a great way to give back to my community; I get to meet amazing people, it keeps me active, and overall, it is fun!

This year, I am very excited to be part of R.J. Haney Heritage Village and, I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with an extraordinary group of volunteers.

Did you know that R.J. Haney Heritage Village is mostly volunteer-operated? That is right, volunteers not just help during our events but during our everyday operation as well.

At R.J. Haney Heritage Village, we have great volunteer opportunities and a fun and comprehensive Volunteer Rewards Program. With the new Sprig of Heather Restaurant opening, you could work in a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen while supporting our kitchen staff. If you prefer, you could represent one of Salmon Arm's Historical Characters or help us directing traffic, scooping ice cream, selling raffle tickets, or perhaps you rather be the king or queen of the BBQ Grill!

Whatever your interest is, we have a position for you! Contact us today by phone at 250 832-5342 or via email at volunteer@salmonarmmuseum.org and sign up to become a volunteer and make someone's visit to the Village a memorable one!

Ale Dyke, Volunteer Coordinator



The first time I drove down the Trans-Canada into Salmon Arm in my old, blue Subaru, piled high with pots, pans, and sofa cushions, I knew I had landed somewhere special. Yes, I had never been to Salmon Arm before I accepted the job offer from Haney, but the sparkling light off the water as the view opens up onto the valley, and the playful clouds, made it all feel right.

What a welcome to my new town.

The real gem of Salmon Arm, though, is its people. I have been welcomed with such warmth by this community and I'm honoured to be living, working, and playing here, on the beautiful land of the Secwepemc First Nation. I look forward to meeting many of you, and to hearing your stories.

I am very pleased to be introducing myself to you as the new Registrar of Collections at Haney Heritage Village. You may be asking yourself, "that's a fancy title, but what IS a Registrar of Collections and what do you DO?" Well, in simple terms: I take care of the collection. From the moment an object enters Haney's collection, through its research, cataloguing, preservation, storage, and display, I make sure that the object and its history stays in good condition to help tell your stories for generations to come. Thank you for trusting me with your families' objects and their stories – I hope to share all of them.

Erin Stodola, Registrar of Collections



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There is a Train at the Outdoor Discovery Area!

The foliage at R.J. Haney Heritage Village and Museum is in blossom. There's an energy in the air. Things are happening!

The Children's Museum and Discovery Centre, on the ground floor of the Broadview School, is feeling close to completion. The outdoor discovery area is mapped out and ready for the Rotarians to arrive. We at the Village are so lucky to have the support of the Shuswap Rotary Club and project leader John Hansen. The club's members have come on board to build the discovery area. There's going to be so much for the little to middle school crowd to do at the Village and it is happening this spring! The area will include all the things that make outdoor play exciting.

Recently General Manager Susan Mackie was browsing Facebook Marketplace at 5 in the morning. Susan does this while she exercises. She knows how important being physical is for the development of brain cells. Besides, Susan likes to multi-task.

At the same time, I was getting ready for work and Susan sent me an image of a locomotive built with treated wood. The owner had had the structure gifted to her and her son enjoyed hours and hours of play in it, travelling imaginary miles and miles. "Would this work in the outdoor play area at the Village?" Susan asked me.



Cuyler Page, the designer of the exploration area, and I agreed it would with a resounding YES! And the plan changed to incorporate the new-to-us piece.

The discovery area is all about creative play and will include building materials so that children can make their own forts, something city children don't always get to do. Magnifying loops will be on stands so that children can see leaves, twigs and insects up close and personal. There will be slates to paint on and H₂O as the medium. Paintings will evaporate for the next artist to come along. There will be sand and water play – suited to a Heritage Village. Kids will be doing laundry the old fashioned way! Challenging balance will be a set of submerged lengths of logs and children will need no help discovering how to use them

naturally. The underlying message is that play should be natural and foster a sense of curiosity.

The Rotarians are eager to start construction. Cuyler Page has supplied the drawings and the Shuswap Rotary Club has secured the funds needed for materials. Our anonymous donor must really like children! We know he loves this community!

We look forward to when we can welcome our first child size visitors to the park. In the mean time, this curator is going to go outside and sit in the locomotive. It is lunch time and what better place to grab a quick bite? I might even travel a few miles. Don't worry. There's a bell to warn people and animals on my tracks!

Curator, Deborah Chapman

R.J. Haney Heritage Village Covid-19 Visitor Protocols



All visitors are required to wear masks inside buildings.

Go with the Flow! Stay to your right.



Follow the building numbers in your guide & you will see everything!

One group per exhibit a maximum of six people.

Yield doorways, stairs and ramps to exiting traffic.

Some buildings have Interpreters, please wait to be invited in!

Respect other visitors, keep your distance & behave responsibly!

Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the Village, use often!

Restaurant is open for patio service, review your menu in your guide or on our website at salmonarmmuseum.org

Bend the Curve, Not the Rules!

Thank You for Visiting R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum



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