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Meet the 2005-2006 AABC Executive

President - Anthea Seles

Anthea graduated from Queen's University with a BA Honours in Art History in 2001 and from the Masters in Archival Studies program at UBC in 2003. Currently she is the records manager/archivist/privacy coordinator for the Archdiocese of Vancouver, a position she has held for two years. She served as the AABC Vice-President and acting President in 2004-2005. Anthea plans later in life to be prefect of the Vatican Secret Archives and Magister Mundi.

Vice President - Lisa Codd

Lisa is the Arts and Heritage Curator at the Langley Centennial Museum. She has a Master's Degree in History from Simon Fraser University, and is currently Chair of the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission and a Director of the BC Museums Association. Many will know Lisa from her work on the Programs Committee for the AABC Conference in North Vancouver in 2004, and as Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for this year's conference in Fort Langley. In her spare time, she can be found scouring second hand stores for commemorative memorabilia and watching movies (of both the arty and mindless pop culture variety).

Secretary - Linda Nobrega

Linda completed the MAS program in 2003. Her prior education was in Archaeology, Anthropology and Sociology, so when novices ask if archivists dig up dead things... well she actually has. Linda is currently working at Corporate Records Management Branch, Government of BC, replacing Susan Hart while she is on maternity leave. Linda does not limit herself to archival pursuits, she also enjoys dancing, is obsessed with textiles which has led to quilting and numerous other sewing adventures, has dabbled in rug hooking, and currently is searching for a loom in order to try out weaving. Linda found it a pleasure to be a part of the 2004-2005 AABC Executive and she is looking forward to working with the amazing new group of individuals on the 2005-2006 Executive.

Treasurer - Kathy Bossort

Kathy is the Archivist at the Delta Museum and Archives where she has worked for the last three and a half years. She previously served on the AABC Executive from 2002-2004 as the Institutional Member-at-Large and Chair of the Grants committee. Kathy entered the MLIS programme in the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies at UBC, but was seduced by the "dark side" and graduated in 2001 with degrees from the MLIS and MAS programmes. She loves living in the small town atmosphere of Ladner, within a 5 minute walk from the archives and the dykes along the Fraser river.

Institutional Member at Large - Krisztina Laszlo

Krisztina holds a joint position at UBC as the Archivist for the UBC Museum of Anthropology and the Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery. She graduated from the Master of Archival Studies Programme at UBC in 1999. She also

holds a certificate in public history from SFU, where she also completed her undergraduate degree. Krisztina is also active in the Association of Canadian Archivists Special Interest Section on Aboriginal Archives, acting as Membership Secretary and contributing to a forthcoming guide to help aboriginal communities set up their own archives.

Individual Member at Large - Alan Doyle

Alan was born and raised in Vancouver. He graduated with an MAS in 2003. He was initially hired by the UBC Archives to conduct a university-wide records survey, and this project has evolved into an ongoing records management position. Alan believes that this is an interesting time to be involved in nearly any aspect of information management, and within the academic setting in particular. He is looking forward to working with the other members of the executive, and expects to learn a lot as the year progresses.

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AABC Conference 2005 — Closing Plenary Speech April 23rd, 2005

We have spent the last two days learning about how to build our archives and communities. We have heard from our various user groups on how to create a more friendly and accessible environment. We have gained a greater awareness of the integral nature of volunteers in carrying out our work as archivists as well as how to train them and keep them in our institutions. We know now how to raise and cultivate friends of the archives associations to ensure continuing support for our institutions and programs as well as a viable means of outreach to the general public. We have a better understanding of different ways to fund our special projects and ways of obtaining other sources of revenue to ensure the continuity of existing programs and the creation of new ones. We have also come away with a greater understanding of how to digitize and make our records accessible to a wider range of users. Finally we have also addressed the on-going issues of privacy and preservation in our institutions. In effect this conference has accomplished what it initially set out to do — build a sustainable user base, build a sustainable support network through volunteers and friends, build a sustainable means of financing our institutions — this ultimately translates into the ongoing sustainability of archives, through the building of communities, which culminates in the building of archives. But now that the conference is done, this work is up to us.

I think all of us are well aware that these opportunities do not simply fall into our laps except perhaps through an act of God. It requires work and effort from each of us. I know these words are not ones we as archivists necessarily want to hear, particular when we juggle so many responsibilities. We usually barely have enough hours in the day to complete our own work much less take on another project which will add to our already bursting workload. But the ideas we take away from this conference do not need to be implemented on a grand scale. We can begin small and as J.R.R. Tolkien once penned in his epic trilogy; be the falling stones that cause an avalanche. But it requires our commitment, our hearts and souls which is as Gary Mitchell said in his keynote address is the nature of what we keep and preserve in our archives- the heart and soul of history. We must be proactive. We must seek out our own fortunes but as I've said and I'll say it again our fortunes, our future lie in building partnerships with our volunteers, donors, users and other heritage institutions. Part of this partnership building also requires us to educate other institutions and members of the general public about Archives. We all know the perplexed looks we sometimes receive when we tell people what we do. One of my colleagues after introducing herself as an archivist was told: "Oh, so you dig up dead things!" which in a manner of speaking is true but I think in this instance they meant an archeologist. That aside, this usually is the first step in educating the public about what we do but this shouldn't be exclusively how we do it. They need to know *what we keep* as well as *what we do*. We know how important our material is, so why not tell others. The booklet "Building Archives and Communities: Stories of success and good fortune in 2004" is one way of telling people how important our material is and how we take care of it. I would therefore encourage every archivist to read it and I hope that next year's conference committee will do something similar. I, also, hope that next year I will see your archives in this booklet. Even if you start something small remember we can all be the small stones that start an archives awareness avalanche which will ultimately ensure the sustainability of our institutions.

I would like to close by thanking once again the conference program committee: Val Billesberger (chair), Fred Braches, Lisa Codd, Hugo Friesen, Kelly Harms, Peter Johnson, Leslie Norman Val Paternaude, Kathy Bossort, and

Sylvia Stopford. I would also like to thank the Local Arrangements: Lisa Codd (chair), Sylvia Stopford, Kobi Howard and all the staff at the Langley Centennial Museum.

Thank you for attending the 2005 AABC conference in Fort Langley and I hope you all have a wonderful afternoon.

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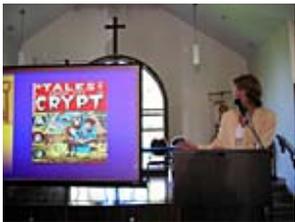
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Signing Ceremony:

On April 23rd, just before the 2005 AABC Annual General Meeting, the AABC and the Canadian Council of Archives signed a Memorandum of Understanding. It was signed by AABC President Anthea Seles, and me, as representative for the CCA Board of Directors.

The CCA Board hopes that all provincial and territorial archives councils will have signed their own MOUs with CCA by the end of the year. The AABC was the first council to do so, then the Council of Nova Scotia Archives (CNSA) in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, and the Council of Archives New Brunswick (CANB), in Fredericton, New Brunswick followed on April 29. The CCA Board decided that the signing of such agreements at provincial and territorial council AGMs was an appropriate way to mark the 20th Anniversary of the CCA. The CCA was founded in 1985 as a result of federal-provincial efforts to encourage and facilitate the evolution of an archival system in Canada. The Canadian Council of Archives provides coordination within the system, and its tasks are to:

- identify national priorities;
- make recommendations as to the system's operation and financing;
- develop and facilitate the implementation and management of Programmes to assist the archival community;
- advise the Librarian and Archivist of Canada;
- promote better communications between the various components of the Canadian system; and
- communicate archival needs and concerns to decision-makers, researchers and the general public.

2005 is an important year for the Canadian archival community: the federal grants and contributions provided to CCA and Canadian archives from the Department of Canadian Heritage via Library and Archives of Canada are under review by Treasury Board; many provincial and territorial councils are under considerable financial constraints; and yet all the while there is increased pressure on archives – both large and small – to acquire, preserve and make accessible their rich and varied holdings.

Some key statements from the AABC/CCA MOU:

"CCA and AABC are integral components of the Canadian Archival System and both parties seek to renew

its commitment to work together towards the vision of a Canada in which our documentary heritage is preserved and open to all and engages citizens in their communities and country.

The AABC recognizes the CCA as the national institutional voice and official representative of the Canadian Archival Network; CCA recognizes the AABC as a Provincial Council for the Province of British Columbia; ... A prime objective of the AABC shall be to strengthen the Canadian archival community through information and support to archival organizations and institutions within their territorial region. The AABC will work in cooperation with CCA and other Councils to achieve this and similar goals."

For the complete text of the MOU, please go to: <http://www.cdncouncilarchives.ca/CCA-AABCMOU.pdf>

CCA Roundtable - Saskatoon:

On June 6 & 7 in Saskatoon, before the 2005 ACA Conference, the CCA will be holding the second of two Roundtable meetings with representatives from the provincial and territorial Councils, the ACA, AAQ, Bureau of Canadian Archivists, Library and Archives of Canada, and the National Provincial Territorial Archivists Conference. I will be attending this Roundtable, as well as Jennifer Mohan, who will represent the AABC Executive. The first roundtable was held September 24 & 25, 2004 in Ottawa (Chris Hives attended on behalf of the Executive).

At that meeting, the following strategic outcomes were identified for the CCA:

- Coordinate a sustained communications strategy that will engage our archival community, the general public and our partners for the benefit of Canadians. This strategy will communicate the relevance and values of archives to enhance their visibility in preserving memory and evidence thereby enabling Canadians to better know themselves and their nation.
- Develop and sustain the excellent human and technological archival infrastructure required to provide access to Canada's documentary heritage
- Renew CCA to ensure sustainable leadership coordination and resources for the archival network to provide access to archival material
- Champion improved and expanded access to Canada's documentary heritage through the development and delivery of programs and services that engage and benefit all Canadians

The focus of the second meeting will be the renewal of the CCA financial assistance programmes. The funding for these programmes will be provided to CCA by the Department of Canadian Heritage via Library and Archives of Canada (LAC) as a part of LAC's new National Archival Development Programme (NADP). The following 5 objectives have been identified:

- Increase the capacity of archival institutions to preserve Canada's documentary heritage
- Increase access to Canada's archival holdings through the national catalogue
- Increase in Canada's documentary heritage the representation of Aboriginal peoples and under-represented ethno-cultural groups
- Increase capacity of archival networks to undertake strategic and development activities
- Increase awareness and broaden use of Canada's documentary heritage

CCA and AABC will keep you updated on developments from the Roundtable . . .

Archives and You! Conference:

To assist in CCA's goal to raise awareness of archives to the Canadian public, the CCA will be hosting the Archives and You! Conference, June 27 & 28 in Ottawa. The conference is designed to provide genealogists, researchers, writers, librarians, teachers and students with the opportunity to learn firsthand from archival professionals. Through presentations, individual consultations and workshops, participants will learn how to

effectively use archives. The conference will also include site visits to archives in the National Capital Region, presentations by the Honourable Minister of Canadian Heritage Liza Frulla (invited), Librarian and Archivist of Canada Ian Wilson, and guest speaker author Charlotte Gray.

For more information, please go to <http://www.archivesconference.ca>

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British Columbia Archival Network News

British Columbia Archival Union List -- New Descriptions on the Database

Archives in the province are reminded that new and revised BCAUL descriptions should be submitted to the BC Archival Network Service Program. For more information on the various ways submissions can be made, people are asked to contact Bill Purver, BCANS Coordinator, by phone (604-876-9150), by fax (604-876-9850) or by email at bpurver@aabc.bc.ca.

The following are new or revised descriptions recently submitted and added to the *British Columbia Archival Union List* at aabc.bc.ca/aabc/bcaul.html:

City of Coquitlam Archives:

City of Coquitlam Council and Office of the City Clerk fonds

City of Richmond Archives:

Richmond School Board fonds
Richmond Board of Police Commissioners fonds
Murdoch Senior Citizen Centre fonds

City of Vancouver Archives:

ARTS Club fonds
Vancouver Regional Construction Association fonds
Townley, Matheson and Partners fonds
Strathcona Community Garden Society fonds
Lady Vancouver Club fonds
Junior League of Greater Vancouver fonds

City of Victoria Archives:

Victoria Choral Society fonds

Greater Vernon Museum and Archives:

C.F. Costerton fonds
Vernon Drug Co. Ltd. fonds
Ellen Fearnought Ellison fonds

Vernon Legion Cricket Club fonds
McIntosh Girls' Pipe Band fonds
C.B. Lefroy fonds
Girl Guides of Canada, North Okanagan Division fonds
Vernon 1967 Centennial Committee fonds
Oyama Community Club fonds
Community Centre Hill Association fonds
Elizabeth McIlvaine Ellison fonds
Myra King DeBeck fonds
Sophie Ellison fonds
Price Ellison fonds
Vernaon and District Women's Institute fonds
Dr. Danilo Aguzzi-Barbagli collection
Franklin Smith fonds
Reinhard family fonds
Vernon Etherington Ellison fonds
Sveva Caetani fonds
Okanagan Historical Society fonds
Dr. Margaret Ormsby fonds
Edna Oram fonds
John Thomas Davies fonds
Interior Vegetable Marketing Agency Cooperative fonds
B.C. Dragoons fonds
Waters family fonds
Patrick Mackie fonds
Hilda Cryderman fonds
James Grant fonds
Cosens Bay Property Owners' Society fonds
George Albert Meeres fonds
Vernon Yacht Club fonds
Foster family fonds
Adrian W. Moncrieff fonds
Anna Johnson Ellison fonds
John Herbert Turner Ellison fonds
Mabel Grayston Ellison fonds
Kenneth Vernon Ellison fonds
Oyama Irrigation District fonds
Ken Ellison collection
Wood Lake Improvement District fonds
Sovereign family fonds
Vernon Cricket Club fonds
Marie Houghton Brent fonds
Beairsto Elementary School fonds
Lt. Col. Donald R. Cameron fonds
Jo Fraser Jones fonds
Alex Craig fonds
Anna Cail fonds

Japanese Canadian National Museum:

Shokichi Akatsuka fonds
Haruo Ichikawa collection
Masanobu Kawahira fonds
Oike family collection
Alan P. Allsebrook collection

Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery:

BOO Magazine fonds

Peter Schuyff fonds

Nanaimo Community Archives:

Bright Mine fonds
Chatwin Engineering Ltd. fonds
Robert Carruthers fonds
Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Limited fonds
Robertson family fonds
Cedar District Institute fonds
Ray and Myrtle Cote fonds
Parker Williams fonds
Rudolf Stueck fonds
Dickinson family fonds
United Mine Workers of America Local 7355 (Nanaimo) fonds
Arthur J. Collier collection
George Bryce fonds
Mildred Bryce fonds
Wood family fonds
Patricia Romanik collection
Dolly Egdell fonds
Ross McLeod collection
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd. fonds
Western Fuel Corporation of Canada fonds
Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company fonds
Native Daughters of B.C. Post No. 2 (Nanaimo) fonds

Nicola Valley Museum and Archives:

Mrs. D.M. McQueen fonds

North Vancouver Museum and Archives:

James Abernethy fonds
Fred Amess fonds
Alfred Barker fonds
Beta Sigma Phi fonds
Burrard Dry Dock photograph collection
City of North Vancouver Public Library fonds
Jim Clements fonds
Crandall Dry Dock Engineers Inc. fonds
Lorne Davey fonds
Eleanore Dempster fonds
District of North Vancouver fonds
District of North Vancouver photograph collection
Ronald Gibbs fonds
Pamela Graham fonds
William Gregg fonds
Murray Knowles fonds
Tom Knox fonds
A.L. (Dick) Lazenby fonds
Lower Capilano Community Residents Association fonds
Lynn Valley School fonds
Francis Mansbridge fonds
Maplewood School fonds
Jack Mitchell fonds
North Shore Gardeners Contest Society fonds
Monteray School fonds

North Shore Light Opera Society fonds
North Vancouver Community Players fonds
Roy Pallant fonds
Presentation House Gallery fonds
Presentation House Theatre fonds
R.J. "Bob" Robinson fonds
David Shirlaw fonds
Stally-Pearson family fonds
Vintners of the North Shore fonds
Walker-Gee family fonds
Wartime Shipbuilding Ltd. fonds
Roland Webb fonds
Westover School fonds
Suzanne Wilson fonds

Providence Health Care Archives:

Alumnae Association of St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing fonds

Quesnel and District Museum and Archives:

Alice Earley photograph collection
Arthur Duclos photograph collection

Revelstoke Museum and Archives:

Arrowhead Tennis Club fonds
Benjamin Richard Atkins fonds
Burton Roy Campbell fonds
C.B. Hume fonds
C.B. Hume and Co. Ltd. fonds
Gerrard Burke Nagle fonds
John J. Porter fonds
Laughton family fonds
Mount MacKenzie Ski Developments Ltd. fonds
Paula Overhill fonds
Revelstoke Multicultural Society fonds
Revelstoke Wine and Spirit Company Ltd. fonds
William Valentine Tomlinson fonds
W. Earle Dickey fonds
Revelstoke Ski Club fonds
War Memorial Committee fonds

St. Margaret's School Archives:

St. Margaret's School fonds
Fenwick family fonds

South Peace Historical Society Archives:

Gibson Gile photograph collection

University of British Columbia Archives:

Asia Pacific Business Institute fonds
Awards and Financial Aid Office fonds

British Columbia Medical Centre collection
Campus building specifications collection
Class of 1916 (Arts) fonds
Class of 1923 (Arts) fonds
Class of 1926 (Arts) fonds
Class of 1931. Valedictory Gift Committee fonds
Engineering Undergraduate Society fonds
English literature research collection
Enrolment Services fonds
History of education research collection
Patricia Marchak fonds
Medical Expedition to Easter Island collection
Alfred Parminter fonds
Lemuel F. Robertson fonds
San Francisco Bay map collection
Barbara Schrodt fonds
Richard B. Splane fonds
Roy Stokes fonds
Thea Koerner House Graduate Student Centre fonds
Otis J. Todd fonds
UBC faculty publications collection
UBC undergraduate student examination collection
Gladys Wright fonds
Leon M. Zolbrod fonds
Douglas T. Kenny fonds
John B. Macdonald fonds
Guy Palmer fonds
Elvi Whittaker fonds
UBC subject file collection
Players' Club Alumni fonds

University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections:

H. Colin Slim Stravinsky collection
Joy Kogawa fonds
Thomas Berger fonds
Roy Miki fonds
David Watmough fonds
Walter Sheppe fonds
Mary F. Bishop fonds
British Columbia Railway Commission research collection
British Columbia Executive Council collection
Greater Vancouver Water District fonds
Geoffrey Parrott fonds
Lindsay M. Garrison fonds
Mary Millicent McManus Woodward fonds
F.E. Runnalls research collection
R.H. Vaughan fonds
John Ulinder fonds
Milnor Roberts fonds
Ann Farrell research collection
John Howard Society of British Columbia, Nanaimo Area Council fonds
Graham Spry fonds
Sasquatch research collection
Pot Latch Creek Quarry fonds
Jim Hamm Doukhobor research collection
Commission of Inquiry on Property Assessment and Taxation collection
Vancouver Cooperative Radio fonds
Jermeja Singh Hundel family fonds
Susan Mayse fonds

George Gee fonds
Brian Hayward fonds
Wilderness Advisory Committee fonds
John Olldym fonds
John Emerson fonds
Robert Wayne Stedingh fonds
Westcoast Energy Inc. fonds
Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, Western Region fonds
Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union, Local 601 fonds
Garnett Weston fonds
Leland Morley fonds
George Kuthan fonds
Macmillan Company of Canada fonds
MacMillan Bloedel Limited, Canadian White Pine Division fonds
Doris Shadbolt fonds
Lily (Steinman) Greene fonds
William Hale White family fonds
British Columbia historical postcard and photograph albums collection
World War I British press photograph collection
Federation of British Columbia Naturalists fonds
Wil Hudson fonds
Isabella (Cox) Starr fonds
Warren Hastings fonds
W.R. Black fonds
Gordon Goichi Nakayama fonds
Peter Pearse collection
Donald Murray Fraser fonds
Norman Colbeck fonds
Alan Twigg fonds
British Columbia Wildlife Federation fonds
Lee Straight fonds
Britannia Beach Mining and Smelting Company Ltd. fonds

University of Victoria Archives:

Beryl Rowland fonds

Guide to Archival Repositories in British Columbia -- Recent Updates

The following is information recently updated on the AABC's online directory, *A Guide to Archival Repositories in British Columbia* (aabc.bc.ca/aabc/bcguide.html):

1) Sisters of Saint Ann Archives

New email address: archives@ssabc.ca

New hours of operation: The Archives are closed to the public, although phone and mail requests are dealt with on an individual basis.

2) Salmon Arm Museum

New web site: www.salmonarmmuseum.org

3) New Westminster Public Library

New fax number: 604-527-4674

4) Providence Health Care Archives

New acquisition policy/holdings summary:

The Archives acquires, preserves and makes accessible: 1) records of enduring value created or received by Providence Health Care, its hospitals and residences, departments, programs, officers, employees, physicians, and governing bodies, 2) records created, received, or accumulated by private individuals documenting or relating to the history of Providence Health Care or any of its sites, and 3) records having informational value as secondary source material. The majority of records held by the Archives pertain to the founding and development of St. Paul's Hospital the Archives also maintains the administrative and student records of the former St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing. Other records relate to the development, activities, and founding congregations of St. Vincent's Hospital Arbutus, Heather, Brock Fahrni, and Langara sites, Mount St. Joseph Hospital, Holy Family Hospital, and Youville Residence. Holdings include administrative and financial records, medical record registers, minutes of committee and board meetings, medical staff files, subject files, corporate publications, and private papers. In addition to an extensive photograph collection, the Archives maintains some sound recordings and audio-visual records, including oral history tapes. The Archives also acquires artifacts that complement its record holdings. This includes artifacts relating to religious and administrative activities, as well as medical instruments and equipment relating to nursing, infant care and treatment, the administration of anaesthesia, radiology and laboratory procedures, ophthalmology, cardiology, open heart surgery, and renal dialysis.

5) St. Margaret's School Archives

New listing:

St. Margaret's School Archives

1080 Lucas Avenue

Victoria, B.C. V8X 3P7

Web Site: www.stmarg.ca/support_heritage.asp

Access:

Contact Person: Anthea Waterfield , Archivist

Phone Number: (250) 479-7171

e-mail address: anthea@island.net

Days and Hours of Operation:

By appointment: Monday and Friday, 9 am to 1 pm

Holdings:

Total Volume: 20 cm; 600 photographs

Inclusive Dates: 1908-1999

Predominant Dates: 1908-1999

Acquisition Policy/Holdings Summary:

The Archives of St. Margaret's School acquires and preserves records and artifacts relating to the history of the school. The holdings include records of the school and the founders, staff and student memorabilia, scrapbooks, photographs, and a complete set of the school magazine, the Cardinal (1910-present). The holdings represent the three locations of the school: Cook Street (1908-1912), Fort Street (1912-1970), and Lucas Avenue (1970-present).

6) Japanese Canadian National Museum

New email address: jcnm@nikkeiplace.org

New phone number: 604-777-7000

New hours of operation: Tuesday-Saturday, 11:00-5:00 (Appointment advisable.)

7) City of Coquitlam

New contact: City Clerk's Office

New phone number: 604-927-3010

New holdings information: Total Volume - 82 metres ; Predominant Dates - 1891-1997

8) City of Vancouver Archives

New web address: www.vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/archives

New email address: archives@vancouver.ca

9) New Westminster Museum and Archives

New contact: Kelly Stewart , Assistant Archivist

New email address: kstewart@city.new-westminster.bc.ca

10) Quesnel and District Museum and Archives

New web address: www.city.quesnel.bc.ca/museum2004/Archives.asp

11) Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre Archives

New web address: www.vhec.org

12) White Rock Museum and Archives

New contact: Hugh Ellenwood

New hours of operation: Monday-Wednesday, 10:00-4:00

New web site: www.whiterock.museum.bc.ca/archives/

13) Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives

New email address: scm_a@dccnet.com

New web address: www.sunshinecoastmuseum.ca/main

14) Maple Ridge Museum and Archives

New e-mail address: mrmuseum@uniserve.com

New hours of operation:

Summer (July-August): Wednesday-Sunday, 1:00-4:00; Winter: Wednesday and Sunday, 1:00-4:00 (Access for research by appointment Sunday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm)

New holdings information:

Total Volume: 45 meters of textual records, ca. 10,000 photographic images

Revised acquisition policy/holdings summary:

The holdings include memoirs, business and organization records, copies of school board minutes, and approximately 7,500 catalogued photographs. There is a set of 825+ research files of subjects pertaining to Maple Ridge as well as an index for the Maple Ridge Gazette newspaper spanning 1922 to 1960 with 1961 to 1980 still in progress.

British Columbia Archival Network Service - Contact Information

Archives or archivists wishing to submit new information for any of the AABC's web resources, including new or revised descriptions for the *BC Archival Union List* and the online *Guide to Archival Repositories in BC*, should contact Bill Purver at the BC Archival Network Service program (Phone: 604-876-9150 ; Fax: 604-876-9850 ; Email: bpurver@aabbc.bc.ca).

For more information about the program, people are asked to consult the BC Archival Network Service homepage at aabbc.bc.ca/aabc/bcans.html.

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B.C. Archival Education and Advisory Service

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my role as Education and Advisory Archivist for the AABC is the opportunity to visit small community archives throughout the Province. This past year I have travelled to the East and West Kootenays, the Thompson-Okanagan, and even managed to fit in a few visits in Vancouver and on Vancouver Island.

I am constantly surprised at the quality of the records I find, particularly the photographic treasures that these small archives hold. I have also been pleased to discover innovations that can be copied by other archives. The Merritt Archives has, at the entry near the office, a three-dimensional coloured map on the wall that outlines their geographical acquisition boundaries. How simple a solution and how easy it is to point to the map when tactfully turning down a potential donation with the suggestion that it would be better suited elsewhere. So many archives have trouble saying "No" – a similar map in your archives would help avoid those unwanted acquisitions that I see in every archives. Be brave – you don't have to accept a donation because of who is giving it!

Last fall, I gave a workshop for the ASA in Calgary and made use of my trip there and back to visit archives in the East and West Kootenays. My first stop was the Kootenay Lake Archives which is situated in the jail of the heritage courthouse in Kaslo. They keep their unprocessed records on the bunk beds of a jail cell and, in the vault next door, have their most important records marked conspicuously to retrieve first in case of fire. I had not come across this practice before, but think it bears copying, especially if your records are housed in an old building. Nelson was the next stop where I spent time with Shawn Lamb discussing the plans for their new archives. I had a quick look at the old archives and all I can say is that you have to be thin to access their records at present. I stayed overnight at the hostel in Nelson and was off to Creston the next morning. The Creston Archives is part of a picturesque museum complex, but is housed in a separate building with lots of room. They win the prize for the largest and coldest storage vault I have come across. I think they win the prize for enthusiasm as well! Fort Steele Heritage Town, farther along the road to Calgary, has the most enviable storage situation I've seen yet. Banks of rolling shelving, stacks of metal map cabinets, and copious archival supplies would make most archivists turn a little green with envy. Time is the problem there, as the archivist also wears many other hats.

The trip back from Calgary brought me to Trail where the Archives is housed in separate rooms of their city hall. Trail's strength lies in a comprehensive and striking photo collection plus the new archivist's willingness to learn. On to Grand Forks and Osoyoos who share the need for a new building. It's difficult for these small community archivists to find the time to convince the relevant community of their need for better accommodation when all their time is spent 'putting out fires'. Small community archivists can be board members, museum directors, and fundraisers too. The journey finished with a stop at the Summerland Museum where I was able to speak at length with the director and a group of volunteers. Many notes were taken.

A spring trip took me through the North Okanagan where the Spallumcheen Band was busy collecting maps re documentation for land claims, while up the street, the Enderby Archives had finally come out of the back room. You are now confronted with the Archives as you walk in the door and there is no excuse for saying you missed it. Their renovation has come just in time for their 100th birthday and the publication of the history of Enderby. The Armstrong Archives shares space with the Museum and Art Gallery and they are also under renovation, with their archives becoming more visible as well as more organized. Up the road, the small archives in Sicamous is experiencing 'old building syndrome' and running into problems getting funding because they are saving for a new building. I guess you just can't win. Salmon Arm Archives has also achieved a higher profile by coming up out of the basement. Every inch of their archives has been planned for maximum storage potential and they have a very pleasant research table set amongst museum displays.

Other visits have been made to the Kelowna Archives, whose storage area is much improved with the removal of walls and the installation of new shelving. In Vancouver, the Jericho Tennis Club is forging ahead with a keen group of volunteers and a unique photo collection. Next door, at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, volunteers are busy cataloguing photographs and entering information into a database. Interest in the Club Archives was piqued by the recent publication of 'Racers and Rovers' that used archival photographs from many sources including their own.

A trip to teach another workshop this Spring enabled me to make site visits to Oak Bay Community Archives where keen volunteers are ready to embark on database projects, and Oak Bay Secondary School Archives, where school records – annuals, photographs, documents – are being carefully organized. Another trip to Penticton for contract work gave me the opportunity to visit Hedley and Princeton Archives. Again I was amazed at the strength of the photo collections in the Province and the dedication of the community archivists.

While the situation in many archives is far from perfect, I am struck constantly by the community archivists' enthusiasm and willingness to learn. There are important records being kept by these small archives and the archivists want to learn archival procedures and bring their archives up to accepted standards. They are eager to change and improve – something that can only benefit the heritage of BC.

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Education and Advisory Archivist

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People and Places

At the end of May, **Jack Choules** will be starting a new position as archivist with the Corporate Records Management Branch, Ministry of Management Services, Government of British Columbia.

Yau Min Chong recently accepted the position of records analyst at the Law Society of British Columbia.

After completing the MAS program at UBC in April, **Greg Kozak** has been appointed project coordinator for the InterPARES project.

Terra Dickson has been hired as the Records and Information Administrator for the City of Coquitlam. She was previously working for the City of Richmond.

Linda Wills recently left her position as archivist at the Greater Vernon Museum and Archives to pursue opportunities as a contract archivist.

The City of Vancouver Archives welcomes **Carolyn Petrie** and **Dyane Laurin**, both UBC MAS students, for the summer.

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The Terry Reksten Memorial Fund

Founded in honour of the late Terry Reksten, well known British Columbia historian, the Fund annually offers an award of \$700 to a Community Archives in British Columbia to assist in the endeavour of acquiring, preserving, indexing or disseminating information on archival documentary heritage of British Columbia in the broadest sense of the word. The award is administered by the Friends of the British Columbia Archives.

Eligibility Criteria are:

1. The Archives must be open to the public 8 hours a week or more
2. The Archives shall have three or fewer paid employees
3. No Archive is eligible to receive moneys from the fund in two consecutive years.

The winner for 2002 was the Aldergrove Heritage Society. Their project was to "sort, identify and scan original photographs from the Aldergrove Star fonds to provide public accessibility."

The winner for 2003 was the Bulkley Valley Museum. Their project was to "copy and encapsulate some of our map collection, especially those maps that are in fragile to fair condition or often requested by the public...."

The winner for 2004 was the Bowen Island Historians. Their project was rehousing their maps and plans collection.

Applications for the 2005 grant are to be submitted by June 30th. Please outline your project/need in not more than half a page and provide details of eligibility. Submit to:

Friends of the British Columbia Archives – Grant Committee
c/o B.C. Archives
675 Belleville Street
Victoria, B.C.
V8W 9W2

or by e-mail to: ragreene@telus.net

The winner will be chosen and announced in September.

The successful applicant will be required to provide notification on completion of the project, and if possible a short report for the Friends of the BC Archives Newsletter.

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