

Museum Musings

SUMMERLAND MUSEUM & HERITAGE SOCIETY

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Recent celebrations: Action Festival and Canada Day
- Children's Summer Programs
- 2011 Heritage Tours
- Brigade Trail Mural

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CANADA DAY

The Summerland Museum had an eventful day this July 1st. We started off serving cupcakes arranged as a Canadian flag to the ceremony attendees in the park. This flag was made of a grand total of 322 cupcakes iced in red and white to celebrate the birthday of our country. Following the ceremony, the Sum-



merland Museum along with the Rebekahs hosted a tea and coffee gathering at the IOOF hall. In the afternoon, the museum staff welcomed over 70 guests into the Summerland Museum. Thank you to all for supplying the cupcakes to make this unique and patriotic cake!

ACTION FESTIVAL VICTORY



The Museum's entry in this year's Action Festival Parade impressed many. On the

float were some of the toys from our recent toy display including a giant teddy bear wearing a Canucks jersey which grabbed a lot of attention. So much so, that we were awarded the Best Community Entry award by the Action Festival Society. Thank you to Ken Bramham for lending us his convertible and willingly sporting a top hat and tuxedo jacket as he chauffeured three lovely ladies in the parade.

SUMMER HERITAGE TOURS

This summer the museum will be offering three different guided heritage tours led by David Gregory.

These tours will run in July, August and September.

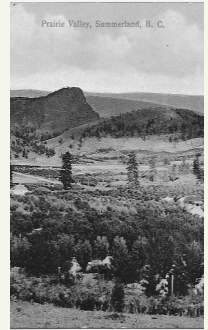
One of the available tours is the Fur Brigade Trail Tour which follows the trail through Garnet Valley. The dates for this tour are August 7th and 20th.

In the Prairie Valley Tour you will explore the rich history of this area that was once known as Millionaire's Row. This tour runs on Sunday, August 21st.

The last tour is a tour of the Peach Orchard Cemetery. You will learn about some of our com-

munity's earliest citizens who are buried there. This tour takes place on September 3rd.

The cost for each tour is \$20 (\$10 discount for Museum Members & \$5 discount for Okanagan Historical Society Members). Space for the tours is limited so contact the museum soon to book a spot!



Prairie Valley, 1920s

RESEARCHERS FROM AFAR

*"It's good to
make the
connections
[at the
Museum]."*

This past month we have had the pleasure of meeting some historical explorers hoping to find out more information about their ancestors who had once been residents of Summerland. One couple was lead from England to Summerland after numerous email conversations with the museum staff. A mother and daughter travelled from California in the hopes of learning more about their family heritage. Both families were delighted as they looked at pictures and discovered new information about their families.

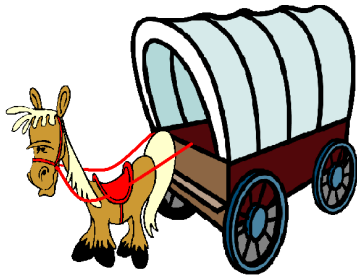
TOYS, TOYS, TOYS

Toys, toys and more toys! We are currently displaying 'Young at Heart' featuring toys from days gone by in the Tait Room. The display includes dolls, board games, 50 year old model airplanes and much more! Come discover how kids have kept entertained throughout the years and maybe stir up a few memories.



One of the display cases in the Young at Heart exhibit

2011 CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS



Join our mascot Harold for some time travelling!

Summer fun at the museum!
This summer Amy and Jessica,

the coordinators of the summer museum programs, are offering various programs that will help kids explore the history of our town. We will discover the lifestyles of early pioneers, create First Nations' artwork, learn about cattle ranching, test our luck at panning for gold, and maybe even make homemade ice-cream! These programs are offered to

groups of children during the months of July and August and run from 1 to 2 hours long, one day a week. The Summerland Montessori School Day Camps and Summerland Day Camps will be visiting the Museum on a weekly basis and participating in many fun activities. Please contact the museum if you are interested in booking your group for a summer program.

Funding for this project has been made possible in part through a contribution from the Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations program
Department of Canadian Heritage

OUR NEW BOARD EXECUTIVES

The Summerland Museum & Heritage Society is pleased to announce the Board of Directors for the year of 2011.

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| Allen Beam | David Gregory | Sandy Nicolson |
| Pat Boyd | Linda Holman | Steve Pearce |
| Alan Forsdick | Bev Krieger | Al West |

Copies of the minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting held on March 9th are available at the Museum.



Thanks to Susan McIver for sharing her words, wit, and wisdom at our AGM this year!

LIFE MEMBERS

In special recognition of years of dedication and numerous hours of volunteer work, we would like to congratulate the following people upon receiving their life memberships to the

- Summerland Museum & Heritage Society:
- Louise Atkinson**
 - Caroline Durick**
 - Diane Durick**
 - George Sutton**



Welcome to our new life members!

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Where the Spirit of Our Pioneers Comes Alive!



Above is the first draft of the new mural that will grace the wall of the IOOF Hall! Donations to make this mural possible are greatly appreciated!

Membership Form

Categories

- Individual \$ 10.00
 - Family \$ 15.00
 - Friend of the Museum* \$ 50.00
 - Patron of the Museum* \$100.0
 - Corporate Member-Bronze* \$100.0
 - Corporate Member-Silver* \$200.0
 - Corporate Member-Gold * \$300.0
 - Donation * \$ _____
- TOTAL \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

Email _____

THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011!



**When was the last time you
were in the museum? Come
visit today!**

HOURS:

Tuesday-Saturday

10am-4pm

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