



# Museum News

Issue Three—Spring/Summer 2013

## Calendar of Events

### ~ Summer Hours

Enderby Museum  
Tuesday – Saturday, June – August  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

### ~ Summer Arts Festival

Downtown Enderby  
Saturday, 27 July 2013  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Enderby Museum  
Saturday, 27 July 2013  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### Enderby & District Museum

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Winter Hours: 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm  
Summer Hours: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Tuesday – Saturday

## Picture Perfect: Preserving Enderby's Photographic History

by Naomi Fournier, Curator

Can you guess how many photographs are in the museum's growing collection? The answer is over 7,000. That's right—over 7,000 photographs illustrating Enderby's history through the years.

How do we preserve these photographic treasures for the future? If you donated a photo prior to 2012, we would send it to our photographer, Ernest Laviolette. He would make a negative for the photo (which served as a backup), and also print a copy of the photo that we could add to our public photo albums. The original photograph would be placed in an archival envelope, while the negative would be put in a special negative binder.

When the museum's photographer retired in 2012, outgoing curator Joan Cowan and I discussed the various options available to the museum to preserve our photo collection, and made two major changes.

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## ***Picture Perfect***, continued from Page 1

The first change is that instead of sending the photo away to get a negative made, we now scan it and use the digital image as a backup. The second change is that we now print all of our photos at the museum. One thing that hasn't changed is how we store our original photographs and negatives: photos are still placed in archival envelopes, while negatives are put in the special negative binders.

One of our volunteers, Kelly Stabeck, is entering the data from the photo cards into our computer database. One feature of this program is our ability to link the data to the corresponding photographs. To do this we must scan our entire photo collection, and this big job is being tackled by Kyoko Ogawa, one of our newer volunteers. She has already scanned well over a thousand photos, and this is really moving the project forward.

Kyoko's scanning project had a bit of a rough start when our old scanner decided that it was time to retire after serving the museum well for over a decade. We are really impressed with our new scanner, an Epson Perfection V700 Photo model. This new scanner makes really clear, high quality scans of photos as well as negatives of various sizes (including 4x5 inch, 2x2 inch, and strip negatives), slides, and transparencies.

In closing, the photo project at the Enderby & District Museum is going smoothly, thanks to our faithful volunteers and our brand new scanner.

*Cover photo: This picture of the train in front of the Columbia Roller Mills in 1903 was scanned from a 4x5 inch negative with our new scanner. The men standing in front of the train are (from left to right) Graham Rosoman, Fred Appleton, Harry Worthington, H. Collin, Bob MacQuarrie, Jack Bailey, Henry Greyall, Bert Van Horn, Jerry Gibbs, H. Aldin, Tim Laws, Owen Rosoman, Jack Pringle, Tommy Booth, Van Antwerp, and Oscar Kidd. (EDMS 0857)*



## **From Our Bookshelf**

### ***Celebrating the City of Armstrong, 1913-2013***

The newest book on the shelves of the museum gift shop is *Celebrating the City of Armstrong, 1913-2013*. This book highlights the history of the City of Armstrong during the past 100 years, and was written by Jack Jamieson and Jessie Ann Gamble for Armstrong's centennial this year.

One year is featured on each two-page spread, and historical photographs from the Armstrong-Spallumcheen Museum & Art Society's collection grace every page.

This book costs \$22.00, and would make a perfect addition to your local history bookshelf.

### ***Okanagan Historical Society Reports***

All old editions of the Okanagan Historical Society's annual reports in the museum gift shop are on sale right now. Regularly priced at \$10.00 per book, they are selling for 50% off. There is a limited selection and not all years are available, but this is the perfect opportunity for you to fill the gaps in your collection.

We also have several copies of the current report, *Okanagan History* #76, available for \$25.00



## Curator's Report

*by Naomi Fournier*

I recently completed my first year as curator of the museum, and all I can say is that I'm amazed at how quickly the time has flown by! I'm often asked what I like most about working at the museum. I always used to say that it was reading the old newspapers (they are so gossipy and fun to read), but if you asked me today I would have to say that what I like most are the visitors who are researching their family history. I love listening to the stories they tell about their family and sharing in the joy of discovering new information. It makes me want to start researching my family history!

In early June a couple volunteers and I went to Sicamous for the annual Thompson-Okanagan Museums and Archives meeting, hosted by the Sicamous & District Museum & Historical Society. This annual meeting is a great opportunity to increase my knowledge, and I had a really enjoyable day which included lunch on a houseboat and a tour of historic sites on Shuswap Lake, and culminated with a visit to the new Sicamous Museum. If you go to Sicamous this summer I highly recommend that you pay the museum a visit.

We have two new volunteers at the museum. Spencer Crozier-Campagnolo is working on a Historypin project right now, and Joan Reid is keeping busy transcribing the visitor list for Mara Mountain Lookout and the notes from the Bud Ellington interview. We are really happy to have Spencer and Joan volunteering at the museum, and appreciate all the work that they are doing.

Now that summer has arrived we are operating with extended hours again, and are open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. You are invited to visit this summer to check out our displays, research your family history, or just to say 'hi' to our volunteers—all in air conditioned comfort.

## Memorials & Donations

Eleanor Bolton recently made donations to the museum in memory of Jim Emeny, Jennet 'Babe' Pointer, Jean Schubert, and Henrietta Wejr. Jean McGhee made a donation in memory of Velma May. These donations are greatly appreciated, and will be used to reprint the Historical Walking Tour of Enderby brochure so that we can share Enderby's historical houses with locals and visitors alike. Thank you, Eleanor and Jean, for remembering these special people in this way, and their names have been added to our memorial plaque.

A big thank you to everyone who donated their pennies to the museum for our Penny Fundraiser! We've rolled \$134.00 in pennies so far, and are still accepting them if you find any lying around.

## Let's Celebrate!

The Enderby & District Museum  
& Archives invites you to join  
us in celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary.

Saturday, 27 July 2013  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Refreshments will be served.  
Souvenirs available.