

Museum News

Issue Four—Autumn 2013

Calendar of Events

- ~ **Kingfisher History Project**
Kingfisher School
Wednesday, 13 November 2013
7:00 pm
- ~ **EDMS Annual General Meeting**
Enderby Museum
Friday, 15 November 2013
7:00 pm
- ~ **OHS Meeting**
Armstrong Museum
Sunday, 17 November 2013
2:00 pm
- ~ **Toonie Tree (December 3-21)**
Enderby Museum
- ~ **Christmas Bake Sale**
Enderby Museum
Saturday, 7 December 2013
9:00 am to 3:00 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

Take a Seat

by Naomi Fournier, Curator

If you've visited the museum recently, you likely noticed the lovely couch and three matching chairs that were kindly donated to the museum by the Gauw family of Burnaby.

Several volunteers and I thought that it would be nice to offer guests a comfy place to relax while visiting the museum and enjoying the exhibits, and when I heard about this set of furniture I knew that it was precisely what we were looking for. It is from the late Edwardian period (circa 1915), so it really adds to the ambience of the museum. In fact, Enderby was still a fairly new city when the furniture was built.

When I emailed the Gauw family about the furniture, I was so happy to discover that it was still available and that they were willing to donate it to the museum. Thank you!

So the next time you visit the museum, feel free to take a seat and relax for a while on our "new" furniture...



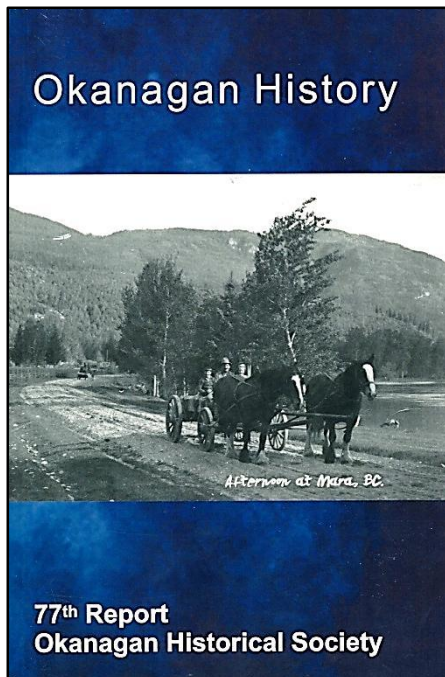
From Our Bookshelf: *Okanagan History #77*

New on the shelves this fall is the latest report from the Okanagan Historical Society: *Okanagan History #77*. The book costs \$25, and its cover features a 1936 photo of the Kirshfelt family in their wagon on Riverside Road in Mara.

Museum board member and volunteer Faith Hudson has been indexing the report for the past five years and updating the online index, which is now available in print. The index covers Reports 1 through 76, and is 8½ x 11 inches, 550 pages, 3-hole punched, and shrink wrapped for \$20. If you would like a copy of the index, contact Bob Cowan at 250-838-9641.

The Okanagan Historical Society partnered with UBC Okanagan to digitize the old reports and post them online. Reports #1-70 are now available from the UBC Library Digital collection, <http://digitalcollections.library.ubc.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/ohs>, beginning with the first issue in 1926. The OHS will continue to print the reports each year, with a rolling embargo of five years for the digitization project.

If you would like a hard copy of one of the old reports, there is a limited selection available from the museum gift shop for \$5 a book. This list includes #39, 40, 44-56, 58, 59, 62, 64, 66, 67, and 69-71. We also have several copies of reports #73-76 available for \$10 a book.



Curator's Report

by Naomi Fournier

My two biggest fears at the museum are accidentally locking myself out of the museum or setting the security alarm off, and I finally had to face one of them this summer when I locked myself out of the building. Thankfully it was a Friday afternoon right after the museum closed, and city hall was still open so I could go and ask them to let me back inside. It was rather embarrassing, because I had forgotten that our Friday volunteer, Peter Vander Sar, always locks the door when he leaves after the museum closes for the day.

In November I am going to Victoria to take the Exhibition Design & Installation course at UVic, which is part of their Collections Management Program. I am really excited about taking this course, and visiting museums in Victoria as well. I'm especially looking forward to visiting the Royal BC Museum, and part of my course actually takes place there.

Museum memberships are due now, and cost \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Members receive the museum newsletter (by mail or email), which is sent out three or four times a year. If your membership is due, you will receive a renewal form with your newsletter.

Okanagan Historical Society

The Armstrong-Enderby Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society will be meeting at the Armstrong-Spallumcheen Museum & Art Gallery on Sunday, November 17th at 2:00 pm.

The guest speaker is Jim Nelson, and his talk is titled "Tales from Armstrong's Past". Jim is a long-time resident of Armstrong with many relatives in Enderby.

The new report will be available for sale at the meeting as well.



Annual General Meeting

The Enderby & District Museum Society's annual general meeting will be taking place at the museum on Friday, November 15th at 7:00 pm. Elections will take place following the annual reports from the museum board.

Following the meeting, guest speakers will be presenting their "Memories of Enderby Service Stations". Moose MacPherson and Pat Stroulger have both agreed to share stories about working at Pritchard Motors. Bring your gas station stories with you as well, as there will be an opportunity for guests to share their memories.

Everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Making a Donation?

We would like to thank you for your donations of artifacts and archival material over the past years—without you the museum couldn't be the asset it is to the community.

If you are donating artifacts or records to the museum, please ensure that they are from Enderby and District ('Enderby and District' is defined as the area that is bounded by Mara Lake to the north, Mabel Lake and Trinity Valley to the east, Spallumcheen to the south, and Deep Creek, Hullcar, and Gardom Lake to the west), and are clean: no cobwebs, bugs, mouse droppings, or mold.

Financial donations are always appreciated as well; all donations enable the museum to purchase materials to preserve the donations we have received. Financial donations of \$25 or more will be issued a charitable tax receipt.



Christmas at the Museum

The loonie tree is back this year! After taking a year off, we've brought the loonie tree back—as a toonie tree. The toonie tree runs for the first three weeks of December, and for every \$2 donation you make, a Swedish heart will be hung on the tree and your name will be entered in the 50/50 draw taking place on December 21st. Thanks to Jackie Pearase from Trinity Valley Christmas Trees for donating our tree for 2013.

The museum will be participating in the Christmas Lightup in Enderby on Friday, December 6, 2013 by staying open for an extra two hours: we will be closing at 6:00 pm that day instead of our regular time. You are welcome to stop by the museum during the festivities and say 'hi'.

The following day is our annual Christmas Bake Sale, taking place at the museum from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 7, 2013. There will be lots of tasty home baked goodies to choose from, but they sell quickly so plan to arrive early!

There will be a few contests for your kids and grandkids again this year, so bring them to the museum with you when you visit and give them the chance to enter for fun prizes.

Memorials & Donations

A big thank you to everyone who has made a memorial donation to the museum over the summer: Vi Christianson in memory of Jean Schubert; Elaine Carson in memory of Mary Woollam and Irene Imbeau; and Irene Wells and Brian Glanfield in memory of Don Wells.

Thanks to Mike Zemla and John & Heather Fournier and family for their generous donations to the museum as well.

As always, these donations are greatly appreciated, and will be put towards purchasing archival materials for the museum.