



Autumn 2018

Fall Dinner and Windup...maximum of 60 tickets are available. Call Syd for availability as they are going fast!



Greetings from your Vice President, Jim Mair

The past year has been a busy one with all the events and activities planned, worked on and executed. The parade, Canada Day, presentations of slide shows to two Seniors Activity Centres, Langley Farmers Market, Train day with old and new things on BC Day, a talk by Fred Pepin and myself at the Annand Rowllatt farmstead with Shelly Broeckx shooting videos and taking pictures.



B C / Train Day



Annand Rowllatt Farm- Fred, Jim

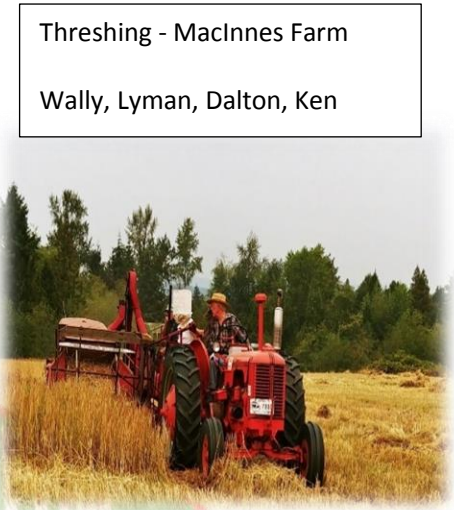
A real bonus is the work of Mike Prangnell getting us known more via the Website and Facebook. One of the top three destinations in Langley is nothing to sneeze at! We are making a lot of good friends out there now. The Richmond Farm Fest was a new venture which gave us traction in exposure plus raised some funds. The Aldergrove Fair was a boon as we increased our profile by being the anchor of the farm theme which was well accepted and promises to be a perennial event. Showing some of our items at Aldor Acres should prove beneficial and free up some room in the museum.



Richmond Fair – Harry, John B



Having two of our own old tractors at the McInnes Farm Barley Harvest, one pulling our reconditioned 72-year-old combine and the other powering the old threshing machine brought our image up full circle as history was reborn with us on the land. As usual, Wally Dick and his crew made this happen. Great job guys.



Threshing - MacInnes Farm
Wally, Lyman, Dalton, Ken

Our atmosphere seems more relaxed and determined at the same time. Our museum looks better with all the murals up and exhibit areas enhanced such as the Maytag wash house simulation for live demonstrations on Event days. The place has come alive with the sounds of a player piano, how cool is that? (There are 700 rolls of music to choose from!)



A visitor from Holland came in and asked to play the piano. She was as good as can be expected from an old maybe slightly out of tune piano.
Helpers – Carel, Mick,



Some uncertainty exists with a Cultural Centre, associated buildings and housing being contemplated near us, but we are examining our options. The active volunteers we have now are amazing, there are too many to mention in this newsletter, but I want to extend my thanks to all of them.

One repeating area of concern continues to be manning the office during our open season. With hope of a summer student returning next season, only the shoulder season needs two people from our membership. Efforts through the Langley Volunteer Bureau should help us gain more volunteers.

We have many reasons to be proud of our BC Farm Museum...You are a very important one.

The BC Farm Museum attended some of our favorite events and hosted a couple over the summer. It is always a great way to encourage members to get together and have fun while support our effort to interact with people from various communities.



Mick P - Campbell Valley



Country Fair - Jim M, Janice, Syd

Around the Museum updates: There are a core of volunteers that make things happen... I have not mentioned them all so I hope they know who they are, and that they are appreciated.

- Communications...Website, Facebook, Museum videos have been added to YouTube – Mick P
- Improved Bee and Honey Display – John Bowels
- Installation of a pop-up Laundry room for the old Maytag - Clarence
- Kids Photo board repaired and painted – Mark R
- Whistles re-sanded for new Farm Museum stamp - Laurie
- Bumper crop of Tomatoes and Beans/ Welding and repairs – Wally
- Industrial Leather sewing machine repair and training – Keith
- PNE items once again organized and supported by a crew – Jim
- Items hauled to special events – Lyman, Carel
- Building maintenance and grounds keeping – Harry
- Deed of gift for donated items – Syd/Laurie
- Research, donated item support - Hilary
- Our spending money man, helping us stay the course – Henry
- Our getting money woman...Grants and research – Grace

The AGM is on December 1st at the Milner Hall starting at 1:00.

There are a few changes coming to the board. We have a possible new Secretary - Deb Dolton would take over from Karen. Karen will become our grant proposal writer and is in the process of the handoff. This will give Grace a much-deserved break. Also, a new President will be elected, and possibly Vice President too. Please attend to show your support.



The guys in the work shop, be it mechanical or woodworking like a challenge and the pleasure of a job completed. Its always a fun time when something new comes in to work on.

George and Harry picked up two Easthope Engines. These are special as they were designed and manufactured in Vancouver for Fish boats. George is working on one in his shop at home using the second for parts. When it is ready he will bring it to the Museum and set it up.

We are fortunate to have some new members volunteering in the workshop. There is always a place to put skills and interests to good use at the museum. They bring enthusiasm and a willingness to help...Thanks Mark and Jim.

MEMBERSHIP DUES are payable in November, have you renewed your membership yet? At only \$10 per year it is one of the best deals in town. Mail it in, drop by the museum office any Monday morning.

Farm Museum Association Endowment Fund

In 1985 the Board of Directors of the BC Farm Museum Association wisely set up an **Endowment Fund** with the Vancouver Foundation. They invested \$10,000 in this fund. The capital in this fund generates yearly interest which supports the museum operation.

Through the years' individuals have donated money to the Endowment Fund. In memoriam gifts, securities gifts and general donations have added to this fund. The fund capital currently stands at \$18,249 and we receive about \$900 in interest yearly.

We encourage Association members and supporters to donate.

Tax receipts are issued by the Vancouver Foundation.

Leave a LEGACY! Such a donation supports the Farm Museum in perpetuity.

Donations can be made through the museum office or directly through the Vancouver Foundation. For more information contact Grace Muller at 604-534-0823 or Karen Long at 604-418-9507, at the museum or go directly to Linda Morgan at the Vancouver Foundation at 778-309-0963.
THANK YOU! Grace M

Save the date 2019:

- March – **Museum Cleanup morning, date to be confirmed** - help clean up the winter's dust.
- March/April– **Potluck Dinner, date to be confirmed** – volunteers kick off the regular season with a social time.
- April 1st – **Museum Opening Day** – museum opens for the regular season – daily from 10 am to 4:30 pm
- May 21st – **Fort Langley May Day Parade**
- June 2nd – **Model A Sunday**
- July 1st – **Canada Day Celebration** – celebrate at the Farm Museum and with our neighbouring community partners.
- August 5th – **BC / OLD and NEW Day** - enjoy the Model Railroad Club.
- September 3rd – **Labour Day** – regular day for the Museum.
- September – **Country Celebration** at Campbell Valley Park (7&8th?)
- September 30th – **close for the fall/winter season**

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