



Spring 2018



Board of Directors

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Message from the President Todd Davidson:

Kim and I have been planning to move away from Langley upon my retirement. That time has come. I left my job and we will spend the next while tying up loose ends before we go. Jim Mair will be taking over for me as interim President until the next AGM. I will retain my position only until the executive responsibilities have been properly transferred and would therefore request that any new or ongoing business be directed towards Jim. I will make myself available as much as possible to help with the transition. It is my intention to stay on as a member and continue my work on the Interactive Display Program, as much of this can be done remotely. We have enjoyed your friendship and am very satisfied with the advances that we have made together. Our best wishes to all of you and continued success to the BC Farm Museum Association.

The board of directors is in the process of investigating possibilities for expansion of the Museum. Several possibilities are being explored and information will be shared at the next AGM. Grace Muller, our fundraising star does a fantastic job of looking for and applying for grants to help with restoration and other expenses and is currently looking at options for a large infusion of dollars to support any plan that is developed to update the museum.

Around the Museum updates:



- Young Canada Works program informed us that we were **denied** funding for a summer student. This will make staffing the museum this summer a bit of a challenge. If you have spare time and want to join others for a few hours of interaction with the volunteers and the public, please call or email the museum and Shelly will add your name.
- Grace hosted a Volunteer Orientation session and 8 members attended. She created a Handbook and incorporated suggestions emailed to her. There is a copy in the office and this is a great resource for those new to the office procedures.
- VERY GOOD news – Karen Long informed Grace that we have been approved by the Department of Canadian Heritage for **\$4000** towards Celebrating Canada Day this year!!

Interactive display system:

Ongoing projects of Todd and Bill - creating and entering data for the project. It starts with selecting an artifact, a picture is taken and if possible a movie of it being used. Then Bill will look up the history sometimes using the work others. After gathering all the necessary information, a file is made and downloaded into the museum's server, then entered into the display software for the tablets.

QR coding:

Using some of the video footage procured for the interactive system, the video is altered and stored on the museum's server. Bill then builds a QR code, prints it out and it is affixed to the artifact. Then with a smart phone connected to our Wi-Fi in the museum members and visitors can scan the QR code and watch the video on a smart phone.

Use of the 4 TV units:

With these TV sets we have software which will let us produce various displays and they will be played on the TV sets automatically. This system is still under way, and so far, we can produce signage on the TV's using a USB drive, but will eventually be able to connect them through our local networking system.

From the Mechanical Workshop a 1947 Pony tractor and a 1950's Ferguson tractor went through a restoration process and are on display and hopefully make their debut in upcoming May Day parade. The paint booth was donated by the Brick Warehouse and used in their facility for furniture repair. It was installed and used for priming and painting the Ferguson hood and grill assembly.



Another beautiful artifact that was painstakingly restored by member Brad Ross, is this Maytag Washing Machine. Brad has an affinity for old washing machines and it shows.

The Langley Volunteers Spring Meet & Greet

The table manned by Shelly Broeckx and Mike McVay shared with the visiting public a few of the special artifacts housed at the museum. They handed out bookmarks with BC Farm Museum contact info and encouraged all who stopped by to visit and think about volunteering.



Opening day of the Farmers Market at Kwantlen University in Langley

Kids of all ages had great fun interacting with our volunteers and trying out pioneer hand tools. The two happy fellows in these photos are Lyman Thurston on the saw and Harry Vangenderen with the Brace & Bit.



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 or drop by the museum office any Monday morning.

Volunteers of the museum are the backbone of the association. It is becoming apparent that we need to encourage the next wave of volunteers to join the **office day manager** schedule. As summer progresses, members that regularly spend a day or two in the office need a break and we really need your help to fill these vacancies if we want the museum to stay open 7 days a week. Please call the office or email Shelly at <mailto:ourpioneerlife@gmail.com>

Save the date:

- ✓ June 3rd Model A Sunday
- ✓ July 1st Canada Day Celebration at the Farm Museum with our neighbouring community partners.
- ✓ August 6th BC Day/OLD & NEW Day – see items on loan from local businesses, enjoy the Model Railroad Club.
- ✓ September 3rd Labour Day – regular day for the Museum.
- ✓ September 8th & 9th Country Celebration at Campbell Valley Park.
- ✓ September 30th Closed for the season
- ✓ Saturday, December 1st – AGM – We have the hall available from noon to 4 pm

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“There's never enough time to do all the nothing you want.”
— **Bill Watterson** author of the comic strip Calvin and Hobbes,