

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023



BC Farm Museum Association

Box 279 – 9131 King Street, Fort Langley

E-mail - bcfm@telus.net Website - www.bcfma.com

Phone - 604 888 2273

We are grateful for the community support we receive!

The Township of Langley's #1 Museum – voted so by the Langley community in the Langley Advance Times Readers' Choice Awards in 2022.

Greetings from our President

The BC Farm Museum wants to welcome you to 2023! There are many exciting things happening this year! We are looking forward to hosting many of you into the Museum to experience some of the displays and exhibitions. Both old and new!

It is an exciting time with construction happening all around us. We are still encouraging families, school groups, tourists and the general public to come and visit. See what keeps us all excited to preserve the rich history of farming and pioneer life. Come and check us out!

Our volunteers are always happy to answer questions and show off their hard work. And may even entice you to volunteer yourself!

Sandy Hope

Clean up Morning

Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 am

In preparation for our Opening to the public season we will once again be cleaning the dust off everything in the Museum.

You are invited to come - bring a bucket & dust cloths or a shop vacuum - join this fun morning. The more people who help – the sooner the job is done! Family and friends WELCOME.

Coffee and sandwiches provided!



YOU are invited to a Spring Potluck Dinner

On Sunday, March 26 at 12:30 pm

To be held in the Fort Langley Lions Hall on the corner of Glover Rd. & 88th Ave.
After three years we may once again enjoy our annual spring potluck dinner social !

Please RSVP before March 20 to let us know you are coming and whether you are bringing a casserole, salad, dessert . .or just yourself 😊 to Grace - 604-534-0823 or mul0823@shaw.ca

Entertainment – “Irish Madness”



Kierah Raymond

Board of Directors for 2023

At the December 10, 2022 Annual General Membership meeting these people were elected to the Board of Directors.



From left to right – Henry Schaafsma (*treasurer*) Mike Prangnell, Sandy Hope (*president*), Murray Robinson, Tony Wheeler, Laurie Griffith, Hilary Ruffini (*secretary*) Grace Muller, Melanie MacInnes, Karen Long, Syd Pickerell, Jack Stetz, Vaughn Erickson.

Missing: Fred Pepin, John Bekkers

Directors' meetings are usually held the third Saturday of the month at 10 am in the library. Any Association member may attend, observe, comment, or question but not vote.



The fall season wind up dinner was held at Redwoods Golf Club in November. Tickets sold quickly and the company was as good as the entertainment!

New & Improved Exhibits



"TOBACCO"



"FILM & CAMERAS"

Thank You Centennial Museum for the donation of glass showcases!

Our newest donated "treasure"



This 1919 Nichols and Shepard steam traction engine was donated to the Farm Museum by the Guichon Family near Merritt. Museum volunteers loaded her up and brought her home!

The Guichon family has played a huge role in shaping BC's cattle industry. The Guichon brothers left France in 1858 to join the Fraser River Gold Rush. The brothers came upon the amazing grasslands of the Nicola Valley and began ranching. One brother moved to Delta and his family farmed there.

The BC Farm Museum Association thanks the following for their generous support

HARVESTORS - \$5000 & over

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Government of Canada | Province of British Columbia | Township of Langley | Vancouver Foundation | Aldor Acres Albert & Dorothy Anderson |
| Langley Heritage Society | BC Hydro | Topi & Amanda Hakkarainen | Syd & Janice Pickerell | Department of Canadian Heritage |
| CPA International Investigations Inc. | GMR Foundation | Pepin Family Charitable Fund | Ann Blaauw | George & Grace Muller |
| Country Lumber | Wally & Susie Dick | Vicini Homes Ltd | Blair Family Jim, John, Terry, Gordie, Doug & Jean | James Price |
| Fred Pepin | | | | Andy Schildhorn |

GROWERS - \$1000 - \$4999

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Neighbourhood Auto Glass & Upholstery | Jackman Foundation | The Chris Spencer Foundation | Don Beck | Alan & Gwendoline Pyatt Foundation |
| The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of BC | Vikram Kumar | Fort Langley Foundation | Bill & Bernice Stacey | John & Doreen Mercer |
| S & J Farm Sandy & Jane Hope | Mick Prangnell In memory of Deborah C. Russell | Muller Family In memory of George Muller | Carolyn Daly Ivan Foss | Ivy Industries Rob Third |
| David & Nicole Davis | Bob & Lesley MacPherson | Otter Co-op | | |

SEEDERS - \$500-\$999

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| BC Chicken Growers Association | BC Farm & Ranch Realty Group | Windsor Plywood | Lee's Market | Krause Berry Farms |
| Canadian Shelters | Otter Co-op | Industrial Plastics & Paint | Laminate World & More | Walnut Grove Save-On-Foods |
| Nufloors | Caliber Equipment | Jim & Dianne Mair | Ellen Worrell | Joanne Wing |
| Jordans Flooring Outlet, Abbotsford | In Memory of Hakam Singh Dhindsa | The Commercial Guys | | |

File: N23 New Donor Board for April 1st 2023

THANK YOU

to the many people, businesses, and organizations who have generously contributed financial support to the Farm Museum Association! Your support is acknowledged on our Donor Board in the Museum entrance.

ALL \$\$ donations are greatly appreciated! Please see picture of the Donor Board on the left.

Volunteer Orientation Sessions

Volunteers are the backbone of the Museum! Many skills are required to operate successfully! Come check out where **you might like to volunteer**.

Saturday, February 25, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm OR
Saturday, March 4, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Sessions to start in the Museum library.

Coffee & sandwiches will be provided.

Please RSVP to Grace to register for the session of your choice. 604-534-0823 mul0823@shaw.ca

If not enough registrations-the session will be cancelled.

In Memoriam

Maureen Pepin

BC Farm Museum opens to the public daily starting April 1 through September 30 from 10 am to 4:00 pm.

DONATION Opportunities

You may have been wondering “How could I financially support the Farm Museum purpose?”

We have several remarkable choices for you!

Help Load the Wagon appeal – your donated funds go into an account designated for museum expansion. Discussions are happening on design and content of a third building on our newly acquired property. Significant funds needed now for construction of that building.

BC Farm Museum Association Endowment Fund – your donated funds remain as capital in this fund administered by the Vancouver Foundation. The Museum receives the Fund interest income yearly – in perpetuity!

Museum General Funds – your donated funds will go into the Museum’s general account for operating expenses.

UBC University Scholarship Fund – your donated funds remain as capital in this fund administered by the UBC Scholarship Department. A small scholarship is presented to an agricultural student each spring.

Tax receipts will be issued and major donors will be acknowledged on our donor board and website.

For assistance or more information please contact Karen Long 604-418-9507 or Grace Muller 604-534-0823



Township of Langley Councilors Barb Martens, Misty Van Popta, Margaret Kunst, Michael Pratt, Rob Rindt and Steve Ferguson came to tour the Farm Museum - and ended up chatting with volunteers in the mechanical workshop. 😊



Volunteers Vaughn Erickson and Vic MacDonald in the woodworking shop. Beside doing restorations of artifacts - volunteers have also made items for the gift shop. Note the little wood trucks on the workbench.

Calendar of Events for 2023 – possibly others tba

February 20 – Family Day

March 25 - Cleanup morning

April 1 – Museum season opening

July 1 – Canada Day Celebration

September ? – Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

March 26 – Potluck Dinner

May 22 – May Day Parade

August 7 – BC/Train Day Celebration

November ? – Fall Wind Up Dinner