

## NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024



### BC Farm Museum Association

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**We are grateful for the community support we receive!**

### Greetings from our President

*On behalf of the BC Farm Museum, I would like to welcome everyone to 2024!*

***It is going to be another exciting year!***

*We are anticipating the arrival of the World's Largest Sculptured ANVIL! We are also looking forward to sharing the updated Heavy Horse exhibit with you!*

*Despite still being surrounded by construction - our volunteers have been working hard through it all and are looking forward to sharing their knowledge and showing off our Museum.*

*Although the planning has begun for our New Museum addition we still have a long way to go before we share it with everyone. Stay tuned 😊*

*Come see for yourself all that the BC Farm Museum has to offer visitors and volunteers.*

*President Sandy Hope*

### Spring Potluck Dinner

**Saturday, March 16 at noon** 😊

Fort Langley Lions Hall  
on the corner of Glover Rd. & 88 Ave.



PLEASE let Syd or Janice know whether you will be bringing a casserole (hot dish) or a salad or dessert or just yourself. 😊

[spickerell@shaw.ca](mailto:spickerell@shaw.ca)

604-530-5503 or 604-619-8340

*Great social time (with entertainment) to meet the other volunteers you could be working with when the museum reopens for the season on April 1<sup>st</sup>!*

### Museum Spring Cleanup

**Save the Date**

**Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 am**

*"many hands make light work"*

Bring your dust rags, your energy, a shop vacuum, or friends and family and we can remove the winter's dust out of the entire museum by noon!!

*Coffee and sandwiches provided.*



**Hope to see you all there** 😊

*We acknowledge the BC Farm Museum Association is meeting on the traditional lands of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo, and Matsqui First Nations.*

Volunteers worked at the museum creating new exhibits and renewing others

The BC Heavy Horse Breeders Association dissolved after 93 years of operation. They kindly donated their closed bank account funds to the BC Farm Museum. As well two members generously donated personal funds. The Museum's Horse exhibit was reorganized and recognition given to the Heavy Horse people and their horses. THANK YOU!



A "Piebald" is coming to live in the heavy horse exhibit – "Peony" is a Red Holstein living in the dairy exhibit. Ready for milking!



The 1919 Nichols and Shepard Steam Traction Engine exhibit was completed! There are only two registered in Canada! This original Steam Engine was donated to the BC Farm Museum by the Guichon family who pioneered ranching in the Merritt/Nicola area. Ms. Judith Guichon was the BC Lieutenant Governor who attended the BC Farm Museum 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.



Preparing the space with wise direction – completed with a unique exhibit.



Preparation of the exhibit space for possibly the World's Largest Sculptured Anvil are done! The anvil was created and donated by artist Maskull Lasserre; built by the shop of George Third & Son; the cement was donated by ConWest; and transport is being arranged and donated by Rob Third. Watch for exciting unveiling announcements! *picture photoshopped – for now.*



**And so much more 😊. VOLUNTEERS made all this happen – with the support of generous donors!** Come join our group of amazing people! Recently retired ?? – need an interest ?? bring your life skills to the Farm Museum and help navigate our interesting plans going forward!



**Calander of Events for 2024**

February 19 – Family Day

March 16 – Spring Potluck Dinner

March 23 – **Museum Cleanup**

April 1 – Opening for the season

April (tba) – Volunteer Orientation

May 20 – May Day Parade

May (tba) – Volunteer Orientation

July 1 – Canada Day Celebration

July – Aldergrove Fair

August 5 – BC/Train Day

September – Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

September 30 – close for the season

October/November – Fall Dinner

November – Annual General Meeting



*President Sandy & Secretary Hilary*

**Board of Directors meetings** – usually the third Saturday of the month at 10 am in the museum library.

**Museum Development Committee meetings** - usually the first Monday of the month at 10 am in the museum library.

**Special Events Memories over the winter**

**Fall Dinner** was held at Redwoods Golf Course in November. We had a great attendance of volunteers and members who all had a wonderful time. The entertainment was fun; the auction went well; and the ToL's Mayor Woodward's words were encouraging!



**Annual General Meeting** was held in December with GOOD member attendance. Annual reports had been submitted to all Association members. Business was conducted amicably. Then the Board went back to work.



**Family Day** happened on February 19th. The Museum offered a variety of child-friendly activities which almost 900 persons enjoyed!



### DONATION Opportunities

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

We have several interesting choices for you! Help Load the Wagon appeal – your donated funds go into an account designated for museum expansion. Discussions with an architect 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 agriculture 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  
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604-534-0823

### FUNDING NEED

Discussions are happening with our architect on design and content of the new building. Schematic drawing should be approved by summer.

We need to raise millions of \$\$  
to Help Load that Wagon 😊

### IN MEMORIAM

Dalton Rooks

Gilles Parent

### THANK YOU

To all our supporters for their donations of time and funding.

Provincial BC Gaming Community grant

Township of Langley Council support

Canadian Heritage Department

VOLUNTEERS who make things happen

ALL individual donors 😊 THANK YOU!



Laurie testing the "load limit" for the new children's ride!



Beautifully restored by Karen & Rick.

New perimeter fencing installed on the south side of our new property!

