



Trail Creek News

Newsletter of the Trail Historical Society

Trail Museum now open!

Welcome to another season at the Trail Museum! We have done some extensive reorganizing in the Museum this year, bringing in new items and removing some very old ones.

With a grant from HRSDC, the Trail Historical Society was afforded the opportunity to hire summer student Nicholas LeRose. Nicholas began at the end of May and has helped to put the new layout together.

We were fortunate enough to acquire stor-

age space in Sunningdale School from the School District. Some of our larger items from the Museum are now securely stored there. We thank Larry Grey and the School District for their consideration and certainly appreciate the extra room in the Museum. It is always an adjustment getting back into the Museum, as we are only open for such a short time.

Society Director, Sarah Benson, is currently applying to the University of Victoria's Cultural Resource Man-

agement Program, which immerses its students in contemporary principles and practices of heritage and museum management. The course allows its students to study and work simultaneously in order to fully benefit from the process.

The program begins in September and can take anywhere from 2 to 5 years to complete. It is a timely course as we get closer and closer to a new heritage facility for our city.

New Executive and AGM

The Trail Historical Society is pleased to announce its new executive elected at this year's AGM, held the evening of March 29, 2006. Lorna Nutini remains on as Presi-

dent, however the remainder of the executive has changed. We welcomed Nola Landucci and Lynn Gould as 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, Jamie Forbes as Treas-

urer and Sandy Hart assuming the role of Secretary. We thank all outgoing executive and look forward to working with our new additions.

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A big congratulations to Society member, Greg Nesteroff, for the coverage in the Vancouver Sun of his research into the life of Boris Karloff. Drop into the Archives to view the article.

New Museum Project update

The Society is excited to announce that City Council has agreed to include a new museum and archives in their proposed Esplanade development project that will house City Hall. We now have the ability to start detailed planning for the museum with our consultants. Council will be hiring an architect for the project soon and we will be working closely with them on the design of the new facility. This is great news for the Society and our community.

The focus of the new museum will be much different than the current one, emphasizing interactive exhibits and children's programming. Of course, the rich social and cultural history of our community will also be predominantly presented with new exhibits and informative features. We have an opportunity to create an unique facility

that will be interesting for local residents and visitors alike.

Be sure to check our website for updates on this and other ongoing projects.



A quick view of the reorganized Trail Museum.

Cominco Magazine Project

We have had a number of meetings with Carol Vanelli-Worosz to finalize the content of the book which will feature articles from the Cominco Magazine from 1940 to 1971. The selection of the articles for the book is complete and we will be seeking quotes from interested design

firms to produce the final product for printing. This has been a slow process but we hope to have the book ready for sale by late Fall.

The book will include articles on

the history of Cominco, its operations, the history of Trail,

Rossland and the region and the community during the war years. We feel the book will be well received.

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Third Issue of Trail Journal of Local History

The Society has assumed responsibility for the reprinting and sale of the Trail Journal of Local History. This publication has proven to be very popular and we have decided to prepare a 3rd issue using the same design and concept. Sarah Benson, Jamie Forbes and Greg Nestreroff

have formed an editorial committee to produce this issue. Local history articles are needed, so if anyone has a story to tell please contact Sarah at the Society's offices in



Cover of the Trail Journal of Local History, Second Issue.

City Hall. There is no schedule for publication of the 3rd issue of the Journal at the moment.

4th Annual Antiques Appraisal Day Report

The 4th Annual Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Day was held on Saturday, June 10 as always at the Trail United Church Hall with Vancouver appraiser, Al Bowen. Mr. Bowen had arrived the night before from Revelstoke, where he was conducting appraisals all day Friday.

Over the course of the day, 36 paid sessions were conducted, and we saw some fascinating items this year. Our spectatorship was up this year, also, which can be attributed to great advertising by the Trail Times. Among the treasures this year were several paintings and

prints, one set valued at \$12,000 and another painting, valued at



Society member Ken Dimock with appraiser Al Bowen. Ken brought in a lovely old wicker rocker, among other treasures.

\$450.00, was pulled from a dumpster at the Cominco Arena several years ago.

Mr. Bowen appraised an old

wooden prospectors chair, which was built in a permanent reclined position for tired prospectors with sore backs. He valued this around \$350.00.

Each year, people come out with some interesting items. We hope next year will be an even greater success.

Our raffle was extremely successful this year, thanks especially to the dedication of member Doreen Downie. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Muriel Griffiths, Shirley Read, Connie Benson, Josie Vecchio and Georgina Heslop. Thanks for your support!

CBT Grant for tri-society display

The historical societies of Trail, Rossland and Beaver Valley have again joined together to seek funding for the promotion of our museums and the enjoyment of our region's history. We were successful in obtaining a grant from the Columbia Basin Trust through the Regional District Community Services Com-

mission in the amount of \$3600 to purchase insurance for the display panes we jointly own and to publish a 4 page newspaper that can be picked up by the public when the panel is set up at different venues in the region.

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Each Society will have one page to highlight their community's history and the back page will contain contact information and advertising for our museum's and historical exhibits. We hope to have the newspaper ready in the Fall.

Website Upgrades

Earlier this spring, the Trail Historical Society received an honorarium cheque from the Nelson Museum for our participation in the Virtual Museum of Canada: The Dewdney Trail online project. The cheque totaled \$1480.00, an unexpected surprise.

With the increase in our community profile and the surge in hits on our website, we felt it time to upgrade what we already had. Modifications to the website include a Projects Page, an Events Calendar, and a Guest Book, where visitors are able to offer input, comments or support. All

submissions are reviewed prior to posting. Be sure to check out all the changes.

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2nd floor of City Hall
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The Trail Historical Society meets
on the 2nd Tuesday of every month
in Committee Room 2, upstairs in
City Hall, at 1:30 PM.

We welcome anyone interested in our City's history or in supporting the Society's work to become a member. A membership form is available on the website and can be forwarded to the Society at the above address. Membership fees are as follows:

- **Regular: \$12.00**
- **Family: \$20.00**
- **Corporate: \$30.00**

For an additional \$12.00 you may obtain a one year's subscription to the BC Historical News at a saving of \$4.00 off the regular price. This high quality journal contains a variety of articles on BC's history and is a must have for students of our Province's history. It is published quarterly.

From the Archives.....recent donations

Lately, the Society has been the recipient of several large scale donations intended for the Museum. With the influx of such large and interesting items, we felt it necessary to remove some of the larger and older items from the Museum that have been in there for literally years.

The Society was contacted last year by Angie Lucrezi regarding a 1950s electric range that was used by her grandparents who emigrated from Italy. The range is in perfect working condition and we were finally able to pick it up with the aid of a local moving company. It will be moved into the Museum this week. Angie also donated a 1920s buffet that belonged to her grandparents. This piece has not yet been moved into the Museum, as we simply ran out of

room.

Two other large pieces were donated by Sergio Freschi. He kindly offered to the Society his father's handmade grape grinder and wine press. These pieces were built in 1950-51 and were

used to make both red and white wine.

He also donated his mother's 1950s Maytag washer. This piece is in immaculate condition and has been moved into the Museum.



1950s Moffat range, kindly donated by Angie Lucrezi. From the estate of Luigi and Olinda Fabbi.

The Trail Historical Society encourages donations like these and wishes to remind potential donors of our charitable status and our ability to issue tax receipts for items of significant value. If you have an item you think may be suitable for the Museum, please contact us. At the present time, we are restricted by spatial limitations, however with a possible new site on the horizon, we will soon start planning for future exhibits.