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New Faces at DMAS

Welcome to the new members of the DMAS team! We have:

Robert McLelland, Archivist

Sarah Sewel, Archival Attendant

Mary Elizabeth Harrison, Museum Office Coordinator

Stephanie Reczka, Education Coordinator

Diane Faurshou-Wong, Executive Assistant



Robert McLelland

Robert joined the DMAS team as the Archivist in March 2014. With a background in teaching history in the US, he recently completed a Master of Archival Studies from the School of Library,

Archival, and Information Studies at UBC. This summer, he worked hard to process a large amount of the archives backlog to make more of Delta's heritage available to the public. In his spare time he participates in research on records in the cloud and strums his mandolin.



Sarah Sewel

Sarah joined the DMAS as the new Archival Attendant in March. She recently completed her Master of Arts in History and is looking forward to developing her professional research and archival skills

by helping the community of Delta access their history. In her spare time, Sarah trains and competes with her horse Oliver in dressage, and has won numerous competitions.



Mary Elizabeth Harrison

Since completing her BA from UVic (Art History), Mary has worked for the ArtsClub, a private gallery, the Vancouver Art Gallery and currently volunteers at the Maritime Museum. After taking off last

summer to travel and be an Art Therapist in Thailand with Art Relief International, she is super excited to be back at work as the DMAS's Museum Office Coordinator! Besides being clearly over-enthused about art she is a tea addict and fantastic jam maker!



Stephanie Reczka

Stephanie has been a part of the DMAS team since May 2011, first as the Museum Receptionist and, since January 2014, as Education Coordinator. She holds a BA in Anthropology from UBC

and has experience teaching English in China, as well as working in curatorial and collections positions at other lower mainland museums. In her new role, she looks forward to working with the Delta community in developing exciting new museum programs for children, youth and adults. She enjoys music and has played the violin since the age of six.



Diane Faurshou-Wong

Diane has been volunteering with DMAS since 2012, and in January 2014 was asked to help out in the front office of the Museum. Then in April, to better utilize her experience in administration professional support from UBC she became Gabrielle's Executive Assistant. Diane's background is in History, with a Masters and PhD course work completed from the University of Toronto. She lives in Tsawwassen with her husband and enjoys walks, gardening, travel and ballroom dancing.

Celebrating Our

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Face of Change



As we work through our 45th year serving the community of Delta, we continue to build a focus for the future. The board has spent time developing a vision and mission statement for DMAS that speaks to where we want to go in the future and are now preparing to take that work to the next stage.

Using the newly created vision and mission as a foundation, the board will be attending a workshop this fall to lay out the strategies necessary to actualize that vision.

We will provide the new board members with a brief overview of the vision and mission work that was done previously and then get everyone to roll up their sleeves to create the strategy that will carry the organization forward. This type of work helps guide the day to day operations and the longer term planning. We will keep you posted on the progress that is made.

Gabrielle Martin
Executive Director

VISION

WE ENVISION A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE INSPIRED BY DELTA'S DIVERSE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE AND WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A FUTURE FULL OF POSSIBILITY.

MISSION

THE DELTA MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES SOCIETY IS A VIBRANT ORGANIZATION THAT CELEBRATES CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE, AND ENCOURAGES AWARENESS AND EDUCATION THROUGH PRESERVATION, RESEARCH, EXHIBITIONS, OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION.

Scholarship

On June 24th, the Delta Museum and Archives Society "Frances Brandrith Bates Memorial Scholarship," was awarded to Greg Park, a Delta Secondary School Grad who will be attending Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. The scholarship is presented in memory of Frances Bates, a Delta pioneer and highly regarded community worker. The recipient is someone who is dedicated to his/her school work and who shows interest in history and research. Congratulations Greg!

Heritage Fair

Once again, the Delta Museum and Archives Society and the Richmond Museum co-hosted a Heritage Fair on May 1-2, 2014. Over 120 students from across Delta and Richmond participated in the event and six finalists went on to the Provincial Heritage Fair in Kamloops June 29-July 3. This year, The Fair had the pleasure of hosting the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of BC.

Heritage Fair is a bilingual showcase of history projects created by elementary and secondary students. Students create their projects on some aspect of Canadian history and present their projects to other students, and the general public at the two-day Fair.

The Fair has become so successful that, starting in 2015, DMAS will host Delta's own Heritage Fair! The first annual Delta Regional Heritage fair is scheduled for May 8-9, 2015 at the Harris Barn in Ladner.

Congratulations to the Delta students who won awards at this year's Heritage Fair.



Our Golf Tournament

The 14th Annual Delta Heritage Golf Classic took place on August 8th at Beach Grove Golf Club, and 84 players came out to participate! It was a beautiful summer's day, and the tournament featured putting, hole-in-one, longest drive and closest to the pin contests. In the evening, the golfers convened in the clubhouse and were joined by an additional 60 guests for dinner, live and silent auctions, raffle and 50/50 draws, and most importantly, the Pioneer Family Tribute. This year, we honoured the Husband and Pybus families for their continual support and strong community ties.

Funds raised from this year's tournament will go towards the DMAS's outreach exhibit programs, as well as our customized education programs for children.

Doug Husband, DMAS Trustee, presents the winning team (George Hendry, Jens Cuthbert, Jose Payawal and Dennis Gerrard) with the 45th Anniversary Challenge Cup.

A special thank you to all our sponsors, donors, volunteers and everyone who came out to the event!

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WOW! Programs

This summer, the Delta Museum and Archives Society offered our What's on Wednesday Programs (WOW) programs for the 16th year in a row! This year's programs focused on topics ranging from multiculturalism, to Delta's farming history, and pioneer toys and games. Children who participated had fun as they learned about the local history of Delta. The programs were also a great learning opportunity for our Education summer student, Ally, who hopes to enroll in the teacher education program. It was another wonderful summer in the Education department and we are already thinking up new and exciting programs for the next year!



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Canada Day

A large crowd turned out on July 1st for the Delta Museum and Archives Society's annual Canada Day Celebrations on Delta Street. Visitors enjoyed a tasty pancake breakfast, prepared by the Lions clubs of Delta; musical entertainment by The Dog House Band; and family activities, including fun balloon animals and face painting. Many of our local politicians arrived for the cutting of a huge Canadian flag cake. The weather was beautiful and our (somewhat sun-burnt) staff and volunteers had a great time hosting this annual event.



ANNOUNCEMENT: Delta History Hunters

A sincere thank you goes out to all those who attended and participated in our Delta History Hunter tours during 2014! We had a great time sharing, learning and exploring our community's vibrant natural history. While our tours won't resume until Spring 2015, feel free to get on the DHH mailing list by sending your information to info@deltamuseum.ca.

Water Water Everywhere:

New Exhibit now showing at the Museum's Temporary Gallery



We live beside one of the most rare and spectacular water resources in Canada. The resources of the Fraser River Estuary are the basis for all human history in the area. As we have developed our society however, the resource base has been affected in several ways. If we want to retain the Estuary as a vital resource that we can enjoy as a heritage long into the future, we have to examine how we are treating the resources now, and make plans for the future. By ensuring the used water is returned to the system as clean as possible, we should retain the lifestyle we have come to associate with the Delta.

This was the message we wanted people to come away with from our current exhibit: Water Water Everywhere. While we are surrounded by water, we have seen the quality of and access to our water change since Colonial settlement in the 1860s.

The exhibit notes how water, once a local resource, is now transported over 60 km to our taps today. It also traces how waste water has been approached, and how at one time Delta MLA's were concerned about Delta being 'ringed in sewage' from upstream sources. This led to pollution of the shell fishery in our bays that has still not recovered. There is a discussion about how the approach has changed to one of the most energy efficient sustainable systems in the world now present on Annacis Island.

In our research, we took tours of the Annacis Island Treatment Facility, drew on the knowledge of Corporation of Delta staff and borrowed artifacts from Metro Vancouver.

Perhaps the most amazing finding in the research and development was determining that there is a constant monitor of the water quality flowing down the Fraser by Environment Canada's Water Quality Buoy at Tilbury Island. Discussion around this buoy has led to a growing relationship with staff at Environment Canada. We hope to be able to expand the exhibit and make it more interactive over time to help visitors gain an appreciation of the balance required between our current and future use of the estuary resource, so that sustainable approaches can be further advocated by the community.

Darryl MacKenzie, Curator



New Exhibit at the Archives

The Delta Archives and Edgar Dunning Reading Room has produced its latest photograph exhibit for viewing by membership and the public. The photograph display, titled Delta Self Portrait: The Bell Family fonds, features photographs donated predominantly by the Bell family and portrays

early members of the Green, Rich and Bell families and their contributions and connections to the Delta community. The exhibit can be viewed at the Delta Archives and Edgar Dunning Reading Room Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Sarah Sewell, Archival Attendant



Become a Member of the Delta Museum & Archives Society (DMAS)

As the vital voice and link to the community, the DMAS relies upon its members to help guide future directions. Membership is also an opportunity to meet other people who are passionate about history and heritage and are looking to ensure its preservation for future generations. Join today!

Membership Benefits:

- Free admission to the museum & archives
- Invitation to fun & free activities, including the Delta History Hunters
- Free admission to "admission by donation" programs and events
- 10% discount on program fees
- 10% discount on gift shop purchases
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting

Membership Fees:

Individual	\$15
Senior/ Student	\$10
Family	\$20
Corporate	\$50

Apply today by filling out the information below. Application forms are also available on the DMAS website at www.deltamuseum.ca or can be picked up at the museum or archives sites.

YES! I am interested in a membership:

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Address: _____

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2014 Summer Students

Thank you to the summer students that joined us this year. Roseanne Mitchell, Ally Ykema and James Shaw were on board for the summer to work with various programs and initiatives.



The summer students with Kerry-Lynne Findlay, MP for Delta-Richmond East. Our students are funded through the Young Canada Works Program!

In Memoriam

We are saddened by the loss of Alan Hunt, one of the dedicated volunteers in the Archives. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

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