



The Trail Creek News Newsletter of the Trail Historical Society

From the Desk of the President

Our Trail Journal of Local History books have been very well received in the community and we were planning to produce issue number 5 this Fall. However, the time needed to write the articles and prepare a proof for printing will not permit this timetable to be met. We are continuing to work on the next Journal and hope to have it published in the Spring of 2014.

The Society is a long standing member of the BC Historical Federation (since 1953). The Federation publishes a quarterly journal that contains very informative and entertaining articles on BC's history. Their Spring 2014 issue will contain articles exclusively related to our Province's sports history and they are seeking submissions from

the public. In 2011, we published a booklet describing the journey taken by the Trail Smoke Eaters to win the 1961 World Hockey Championship. We have edited this booklet to meet the Federation's publication criteria and submitted it to them for their consideration. We are looking forward to having this article selected for the Spring issue.

At present, we have three means to sell our publications which earn revenue for the Society – our offices, our website and Crockett Books. We feel we needed another retail outlet in the downtown area and have purchased a magazine rack to display the items which Shopper's Drug Mart has agreed to place in their store. Thanks to Linda Seib for her

support of our Society. On September 23rd, I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Heritage Federation of Southeast BC in Creston. The Federation has 41 members from throughout the West and East Kootenays representing many heritage institutions and a few individuals. The AGM is always informative and it is important to maintain a good relationship with our fellow heritage organizations and that by working together we can all benefit from joint initiatives sponsored through the Federation. All in all the AGM was very productive. Next year's meeting will be in Nakusp.

Membership Meeting Updates

The Trail Historical Society Executive has passed a motion that will end regular membership meetings due to dwindling attendance. In lieu of membership meetings, the Society will add an additional newsletter, increasing its frequency to

four per year. The Annual General Meeting will be held in early February, with the full membership invited to enjoy dinner and a guest speaker still to be determined. As the AGM follows Christmas so closely, it has been decided

that the annual Christmas Luncheon will be cancelled. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact the office at 250-364-0829 or President Jamie Forbes directly.

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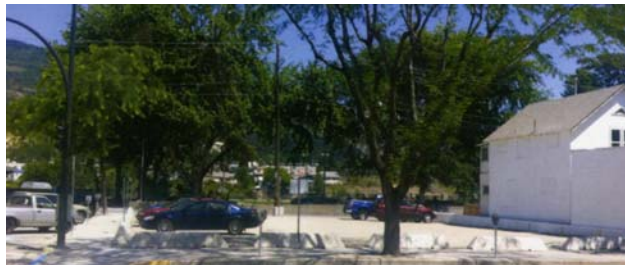
IMPORTANT NOTE TO MEMBERS

The Trail Historical Society Christmas Luncheon is cancelled this year. In lieu of this annual get-together, the 2013 Annual General Meeting (tentatively scheduled for early February 2014) will consist of dinner for all members who wish to attend, as well as a guest speaker.

New Museum Progress Report

Our plans to construct a new museum for our community are proceeding well. Since the last newsletter, we have hired Boni-Maddison Architects to prepare a conceptual plan for the museum which will include a construction cost estimate and a proposed budget for the first five years of operation. Coincidentally, the City of Trail has hired the same firm to prepare the conceptual design of the building which will also house the Trail Library.

Our Executive met with the consultants on September 25th to review our vision for the museum and to discuss issues related to the museum's design and exhibit content. The City's steering



Proposed Museum/Library site at the corner of Bay and Helena.

committee also met with the consultants on the 25th to discuss matters related to the design of the building and what the City would like to see included in the space. On the 26th, the consultants met with the stakeholder groups we would like to see involved in the project.

All meetings went very well and the consultant is currently preparing a preliminary concept plan for both the museum and the building for review and discussion with us, the City, and the Library Board. The final concept plan will be completed by mid-January and will then be presented to the public for their review and comments.

We are pleased with the progress on the project to date and remain confident the public will support this important addition to our downtown core and the community at large.

artsVest Grant Program

In June, Museum & Archives Director Sarah Benson attended a workshop in Castlegar sponsored by Business for the Arts under their artsVest program, which offered a new funding stream in the Columbia Basin region aimed at fostering sponsorship relationships between arts and cultural organizations and local businesses. The workshop made all in attendance eligible for matching grants, should an organization be successful in establishing a sponsorship strategy with a private enterprise.

The Society was successful in developing

a mutually beneficial plan with Carol Vanelli-Worosz and Teck Metals Ltd., whereby the company agreed to a three-year funding commitment for research work.

The plan was submitted to an adjudication committee of artsVest staff and the application received approval for matching funds within the first year.

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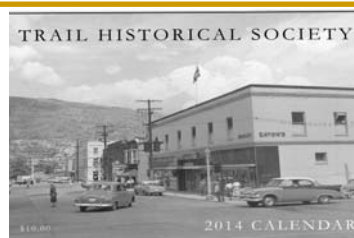
We are grateful to Teck Metals Ltd. for their continuous support of our efforts and for agreeing to this long-term commitment. As funding opportunities are scarce, specifically with regard to operations, we appreciate the participation of our local businesses in assisting our efforts to remain a sustainable and accessible service to our community.

Calendar Sales

As most of you are aware, the Society was successful in obtaining funds to develop our first fundraising calendar through the Columbia Basin Trust's Community Initiatives program. The calendar was designed by local graphic designer, BurntStick Design and printed locally at Hall Printing.

It is now available for sale, with nearly half the supply already out on local

shelves. We cannot thank the following retailers enough for featuring our calendars in their businesses: City Hall, Marino Wholesale, Brew Shop Too, Ferraro Foods, Crockett Book Co., Trail Coffee & Tea, Artisan, Trail & District Chamber of Commerce, Hall Printing, Trail & District Public



2014 Calendar Project

Library, Integra Tire, Royal Canadian Legion.

The calendar retails for \$10.00 and will make a great Christmas gift! We will be selling them also at the next three indoor markets in the Cominco Arena.

2013 Project Updates

This year's projects are well underway. The Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance awarded the Society two grants during the 2013 funding season. Firstly, through the Heritage Innovations program, a \$4000 grant was provided for the restoration and encasement of one of our oldest artifacts, pictured to the right. Frank Hanna Jr.'s grave marker has experienced significant deterioration over the last nearly 110 years and is presently receiving conservation treatment by a conservator on Bowen Island. It will be shipped back in the coming weeks to be encased and then returned to the museum for display.



Frank Hanna Jr. grave marker, dated 1895

The second grant awarded by the CKCA under their major projects program was funding to complete Phase 2 of the Trail Times negatives project, which has been ongoing since last fall. The first phase, nearly completed, consisted of culling the tens of thousands of duplicate newspaper negatives and saving only those published. The

second phase will be the indexing of those saved negatives and the creation of a usable finding aid for research and reprinting purposes. This grant totaled \$10,000. We thank the CKCA for their support.

As already mentioned earlier, the 2014 fundraising calendar is now on sale. This project was generously funded by the Columbia Basin Trust and awarded to the Society by Trail City Council.

Work in the office currently consists of accessioning and sorting through the donations we have received over the past few years. We are currently developing a work plan for 2014. If anyone has an idea for an interesting project for the coming year, please feel free to contact the office.

2013 Market Report

The Society was present at several of the downtown markets this summer along the Esplanade, selling our vintage Smoke Eater merchandise, our books, and most recently our 2014 calendar. The markets were bustling with people and offered a variety of wares, food, and crafts.

Sales were moderate over the summer, although we met and spoke with several individuals who made research enquiries,

donated items to our collections, and shared stories of days gone by in Trail.

Last year, our sales at the indoor Christmas markets were excellent and we very much hope to duplicate that this coming holiday season. The markets will be held in the Cominco Arena

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gymnasium on November 8th, November 29th, and December 13th.

We extend a big thank you to our volunteers who assisted over the summer with sales and we

welcome anyone willing to lend a hand at the upcoming markets.

Business Photo Project

Over the past few months we have selected photographs from our Archives that will be used to create large wall features that we hope to sell to businesses in the City for display in their premises. This project is designed to raise funds for the Society but also to expose the public to the photographic record of our community's growth.

We have selected photos that show

buildings and businesses as they once looked and hope current businesses in the same location will be interested in having these photos in their place of business. We have prepared a portfolio of the selected photos for the business to choose from and will be going door to door to seek potential purchasers. Once a photo has been purchased it



Crown Point Hotel, circa 1964

will not be sold again. The finished photo will be approximately 2 feet by 3 feet in size and will be of quality material, suitable for any wall. We hope this will be a successful fundraising project for the Society.

The Trail City Archives is located on the
2nd floor of City Hall

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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: \$15.00**
- **Family: \$25.00**
- **Corporate: \$35.00**

For an additional **\$20.00** you may obtain a one year's subscription to the *British Columbia History*, journal of the **BC Historical Federation**, at a savings of \$2.00 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. In addition, members now received 10% of all Trail Historical Society merchandise, including our vintage Trail Smoke Eater collection!

2013 Museum Season

This year, the Society was fortunate enough yet again to receive a grant from the Federal Government's Canada Summer Jobs program to hire a student to look after the operations at the museum in the Trail Memorial Centre.

The Society hired student Anne Marino, who looked after the day-to-day tasks in the museum and the Sports Hall of Memories on the Red Floor. Anne was also tasked with tackling the first phase of the Trail Times Negative Collection.

The museum hosted three elementary classes, as well as a visit from the *Camp Cowabunga* program.

We made two visits to our long-term care facilities, which included Poplar Ridge and, for the first time, Rosewood Village. Visits to our local seniors is always an

informative and enjoyable activity for both the residents of these facilities, as well as our summer student and staff. Each visit, we learn something new about our artifacts and the photographs used to showcase our history.

With construction along Victoria Street beginning in mid-August, we were forced to close the museum for the last two weeks of the season, as the main entrance was blocked. Despite the construction, our visitor numbers increased slightly from the previous two seasons.

We thank Anne for her hard work this summer and look forward to next year!



2013 Summer Student, Anne Marino