

President's Message

We are very encouraged by the response to our activities so far this spring. The Murrayville Bus tour could not accommodate the number of people who were interested. We were thankful for the sunny day and the welcome we received at the sites on our tour.

The Heritage Tea at Milner Chapel was a great venue for sharing ideas and upcoming events with our heritage partners. Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparations of food and set up. Helen and Jim presented a great pictorial history of our 40 years of preserving Langley's past.

When you participate in our Photo Contest you will be helping document the present for future generations.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the AGM has been postponed; we will advise members about a new date when it is appropriate. I hope to see you at the Annual Pepin Picnic on August 16.

Fred Pepin
LHS President

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BC Heritage Week: Sharing Our Legacy from the Past

At the Langley Heritage Society's Annual Heritage Tea, representatives joined us from the Alder Grove Heritage Society, BC Farm Museum, Parks Canada, Langley Centennial Museum, Surrey Historical Society, Fraser Valley Heritage Rail Society, and Metro Vancouver Parks.

We thank each of our local heritage partners for providing an overview of their organization and new activities and events that they have planned for the coming season.

The Fraser Valley Heritage Rail Society had an incorrect date in their slide presentation. Their 2020 Volunteer Fair will be held on Saturday and Sunday May 30 & 31.

Presentations were followed with a luncheon organized by Dave Buckley, Donna Buckley, and Rosemary Genberg of the LHS Social Committee. We also thank Karen Worrell for all the work she does behind the scenes opening Milner Chapel.

Our cultural and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration, our touchstone, our reference point, our identity. UNESCO



Heritage Tea Speakers left to right: Tami Quiring, Syd Pickerell, Brigitte Wieronski, John Aldag, Michael Gibbs, John Sprung, Jeff Rotin, Helen Williams. Photo: Glenn Disney.



Pictured left to right: Toni Dreise, Frances Steinfeld, Alice Johnson, Karl Dreise, Lotte Elias (standing). Photo: Glenn Disney.

LHS Annual Heritage Tea and Social

A Special Meeting

Many know Glenn Disney from Langley Secondary School where he taught Chemistry in classroom #105 for 35 years. In retirement, Glenn joined the Langley Camera Club and the LHS to make new acquaintances and continued to volunteer for other organizations and serve on committees.

Thanks to Kay McComish's gentle prodding, Glenn has been taking pictures at LHS events for eight years.

In this newsletter edition Glenn is featured in a picture instead of behind the lens. What is significant about the picture above is that Glenn is sitting beside Bob Blackhall. Bob was Glenn's grade 7 Science teacher at Vancouver's David Thompson Secondary School in the 1959-60 school year.

The last time Glenn saw his former teacher was his high school graduation. Having read the numerous Letters to the Editor in the *Langley Advance* and *Times* from Bays Blackhall over the years, Glenn often wondered if there was any connection to his high school teacher. Turns out, of course, there was!

Keep Sending In Your Photos to the LHS Photo Contest

Thanks to LHS member and former board member Kay McComish for sending in this photo to our 40th Anniversary Photo Contest. (Contest rules can be found on page 7.)

Photo: LHS president Fred Pepin prepares to refurbish the Norris (Interurban) Station in 2002.



Photo of Glenn Disney (left) with Bob Blackhall (right) taken at the LHS 2020 Heritage Tea. Photo: Helen Williams.



LHS Photo Contest Submission
Category: Langley's People

Down By the Station



Lynda Lightfoot reviving the vintage hand carts. Photo: Mark Forsythe



Bill Wiseman improving the freight room door closing mechanism. Bill has also sanded the railcar display tables and too many other jobs to list. Photo: Helen Williams

While the Fort Langley CNR Station is closed for the season, this is our time to undertake repairs, restoration projects, improve our displays, and develop new programming before opening on Victoria Day.

We're grateful to have David Hockin's painting and carpentry skills as he installs tongue and groove paneling on the caboose interior walls just like there would have been in the 1920s. The walls will then get a fresh coat of paint fitting with the period.

The recovered cupola seats will be ready for a new season of visitors to sit upon in the "lookout" and experience where railway brakemen and flagman sat and watched for signs of trouble.

Ted Lightfoot replaced some crumbling wood from our newly acquired handcarts and vintage steel wheelbarrow, while Lynda put paintbrush to good use and refreshed the wood frames with a special mixture Ted concocted.

A special thanks to all our volunteers and helpers who have been giving of their time to complete the many new projects and repairs over the winter months!



Les and Julie Fullerton recovering a seat cushion in the station. Thank you both for the many repairs throughout the season and hosting volunteer events. What a team! Photo: Helen Williams

Society News

2020 AGM Postponed

When we're able to hold the society's Annual General Meeting some of Lyle Longstaff's paintings will be on display.

As you may remember, Lyle graciously donated his time and artistic talent to paint seven new murals around the HO model scale Glen Valley Railway located inside our 1920s caboose.

The murals feature the major mountain ranges and portray realistic renditions of life on the north shore of the Fraser River. You'll see industrial, recreational, and residential areas along with some local country touches that will be revealed when the CNR Station opens.

Shirley Mackenzie

We're sorry for the passing of Shirley Mackenzie (nee Clements) born April 29, 1928. Shirley volunteered her time at the CNR Station and was involved in many LHS restoration projects.



Adopt, Don't Shop. Please spread the word.



Lyle Longstaff painting outside the Kube Gallery in downtown Fort Langley. Photo: Mark Forsythe

Moir House Outbuildings: Help Langley's Abandoned Cats Find New Homes

In 2003 the Langley Heritage Society restored the dilapidated Moir residence and created a permanent space from the existing outbuildings for the Canadian Animal Rescue and Extended Shelter (C.A.R.E.S.).

Every day in BC thousands of kittens are born to family pets, stray cats living on the streets, and feral cats.

Finding permanent, loving homes is not easy, but C.A.R.E.S. is helped through an alliance with Langley PetSmart. Inside the store is a permanent space where shelter cats can be viewed for adoption.

Due to the current health pandemic, the **Langley PetSmart Adoption Centre** is closed until further notice. When it reopens, please visit:

Mon to Fri: 7PM – 9PM | Sat & Sun: Noon – 4PM
Holidays – Please see notice at the Adoption Centre

PHOTO CONTEST

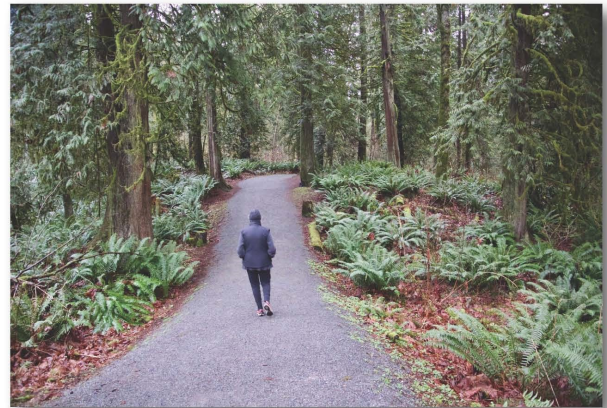
Langley Heritage Society 40th Anniversary



Langley's Heritage BUILDINGS



Langley's PEOPLE



Langley's Heritage LANDSCAPES

Help us celebrate Langley's remarkable heritage. Send your JPEG photo to info@langleyheritage.ca. A \$200 prize is being offered in each of three categories. Contest deadline is May 4th, 2020.

For more details and rules, visit www.langleyheritage.ca



PHOTO CONTEST

Langley Heritage Society 40th Anniversary

Photo Contest Rules

We're proud of our work over the last 40 years to preserve and restore Langley's heritage - from historic Michaud House and Wark/Dumais House to the Fort Langley CNR Station. To celebrate, we're hosting a PHOTO CONTEST to highlight Langley's heritage structures, heritage landscapes, and people. Contest details below:

Contest Period: The 40th Anniversary Photo Contest begins at 10am on Monday, February 17th and closes Monday, May 4th at 10pm.

Categories: Entries may be submitted in the following categories:

- Langley Heritage Buildings
- Langley Heritage Landscapes
- Langley People

Eligibility: Open to amateur photographers resident in B.C.

Submission Guidelines: Send your photo to info@langleyheritage.ca. Maximum 1400 pixels wide and 1050 pixels high. Limit of one entry per email; include your name, address and telephone number, and specify the category you are submitting in (i.e. BUILDING, LANDSCAPE or PEOPLE). Some entries will also be featured on the Langley Heritage Society Facebook page and LHS website. No name or watermark is permitted on the front of your image. **Limit of 3 entries per person.**

Prizes: A \$200 prize will be awarded in each of the three categories. Winning photos will be displayed at the Fort Langley CNR Station beginning May 18th, 2020. Winning photos will also appear on the Langley Heritage Society website, Facebook page, and LHS Newsletter.

Judging: A panel of 3 judges will review and score the images with winners in each of the three categories. Judges will consider composition, content/originality, and visual impact. All decisions are final.

Snap to it and good luck!



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2020 LHS Speaker Schedule

Members' meetings occur on the fourth Tuesday of September, October, January, and March at **7:30pm at historic Milner Chapel**, located at 6716 - 216th Street.

Please consult our website, Facebook page, and watch your inbox for **Updates from the Langley Heritage Society** noting any changes to scheduled events.

~~April 17, 2020~~
~~Annual General Meeting~~
CANCELLED

Monday, May 18, 2020
Fort Langley CNR Station Opens

August 16, 2020
Annual Pepin Picnic
Aldergrove, BC

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. We encourage everyone to stay positive and safe during this time.

Check in with each other, pick up the phone to talk, and find ways to support elderly colleagues and friends throughout the crisis.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Alder Grove Heritage Society Community Heritage Event April 11, 2020

Come out to see the projects that the Alder Grove Heritage Society has been working on to preserve the stories, photographs, object, and documents about the area's historic buildings, businesses, groups, families, and military past.

Aldergrove Legion Hall, (Noon - 4pm)
For more information, call 604-857-0555 or email:
info@telephonemuseum.ca

Valley Voices
Wednesdays on CIVL 101.7 FM at 11 am
Or follow the links under *What's New* at
www.langleyheritage.ca to the podcast.

Supporters & Suppliers

The Langley Heritage Society wishes to express our gratitude to all our volunteers and supporters who contribute to our projects.

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