

No Longer Just Flat Irons and Old Radios.

The Grand Re-opening of the Lake County Museum was a huge success. With over 70 visitors the building was bustling with energy. Guests were treated to a first-class evening with a polished set of exhibits, a spotless building, excellent food, and a superb wine selection donated by Gray Monk wineries. The evening started at 6:00 pm



with a press hour that allowed the local newspapers and TV station to interview our curator Dan Bruce as well as take some pictures and footage of the slick new exhibits. At 7:00 pm a museum members and local dignitaries began to arrive. The wine flowed freely and was accompanied by a scrumptious selection of cheese and fruit

prepared by museum volunteers. Guests enjoyed mingling catching up with old friends, and meeting the local dignitaries.

Mayor James Baker of Lake Country made an excellent speech detailing the renovations and reorganization that had been taking place over the past few months. Other local dignitaries included Mayor Sharon Shepard of Kelowna, and our Member of Parliament Ron Canon. Dan Bruce's tireless contribution was also recognized by the museum and he was presented with an antique coca bottle for his personal collection. All in all the Grand opening was a huge success, and a heartfelt thank-you should be extended to the efforts of our curator, board of directors, and team of tireless volunteers.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Saturday 25th of August is Centrepiece which celebrates 100 years of Japanese-Canadian Friendship.
- ◆ Please contact us if your email address has changed with the switch-over from Cablelan to Shaw.



Community Support Impressive.

This year's membership drive has been a resounding success. We currently have 50 individual/family members, 13 corporate members, and 4 life members. The dramatic increase in membership has contributed greatly to the museum renovations, and purchase of new artifacts. Some of the improvements paid for by membership fees include new paint, carpeting, and landscaping materials. We would also like to

extend a heartfelt thank-you to our corporate members who have made significant contributions of money, time, and resources. Their generosity has enabled the museum to undergo some major improvements in the past year. To recognize their generous support a plaque has been placed at the front door of the museum with their names. Our members also receive numerous benefits from their memberships. These include:

invitations to special museum social events, reduced photo copy rates, discounts at the Centrepiece concession, copies of the museum newsletter, and reduced rates on reprints of historical pictures. Memberships are available by stopping into the Museum or mailing your \$10.00 fee to the Museum. We are happy to welcome any new members at any time and are honoured at the communities continued support.

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Renovations Are Well Underway!



The Lake Country Museum is a moving and a shaking, literally! This year our next phase in renovations and expansions began. Our outdoor storage area has had two new storage rooms added as well as a covered terrace. The new courtyard be-

tween these two buildings is taking shape nicely and will soon provide a relaxing area for museum visitors to have tea and other refreshments served from the Museum's kitchen. The courtyard will also overlook a freshly landscaped garden, and picturesque Okanagan Lake.

At the front of the Museum new sidewalks are being installed by the District as well as a new set of steps and a wheelchair ramp. These modifications will improve access for all visitors. The remodeled entrance will also be

complimented by fresh landscaping in our front garden.

Inside the Museum the old Boys and Girls washrooms have been removed to create space for an archives room. This area will provide workspace for Museum members and the community to do research on a wide variety of topics in comfort, as well as space for board meetings.

All in all the renovations are progressing wonderfully and should be completed later this year. So come on by and see the developments taking place.

"This year's
 Centrepiece will
 be bigger and
 better than ever,
 with more fun,
 food, and
 games."

100 Years of Japanese/Canadian Friendship.

This year's Centrepiece, our annual community picnic and celebration, is in honour of 100 years of Japanese/Canadian Friendship. The days events will include the dedication of a commemorative plaque in honor of Lake Country's Japanese Pioneers. The Japanese Consul and local dignitaries will also be visiting. Food will be served throughout the day including

scrumptious sushi, and the Museum's famous barbecue. Entertainment will include Japanese Dancers and Drummers, a classic car display, relay games, our world famous cakewalk, and a special one day exhibit. It is a wonderful event for the whole family and has something for everyone.

We would like to extend a spe-

cial invite to all Japanese Canadians. If you know of anyone who you would enjoy the celebration please extend them an invitation.



The King Comes to Town.



King George III has decided to make Lake Country his home, or at least his portrait and original signature have. Recently acquired from England His Majesty's signature is a rare and exciting addition to our collections. King George III is a fascinating fellow. Born in 1738, King George ruled for over 59 years. He was one of Great Britain's longest ruling monarchs. During

his reign King George organized his country to fight in the Seven Years War, the American Revolutionary War, and the Napoleonic Wars. King George is best known for his role in causing the American colonies to seek independence and for his recurring bouts of mental illness. A loving husband and father, and a strong King, King George was a major contributor to British history.

Meet One of Our Volunteers: Margaret Carruthers



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Margaret Carruthers originated from Carlisle in the north of Great Britain and after living in Quebec and North Delta she put down roots in Lake Country eight years ago. Both she and her husband Jim have since settled into retirement, but certainly aren't lacking activity!

Margaret is actively involved in the area: she teaches occasional classes at Okanagan College, assists students in the reading program at Davidson Road Elementary and volunteers here at her local museum.

Margaret brings valuable experience to her projects at the museum from her previous careers as mother, secretary, publicist, and teacher. She enjoys being able to contribute to her community in a rewarding and meaningful

way. When asked why she volunteers at the Museum, Margaret responded: "I am interested in finding out about my community and my current project, researching Lake Country's Schools is a great way to do this."



Margaret's research will be used to produce timelines of the local schools that can then be displayed in the school exhibit area. These timelines will document the important events in the history of each school including: opening and closing dates, renovations, and teachers. Margaret also notes: "Once I finish my current project I hope to discover another facet of Lake Country's history, learn more about the community and help to present the story of this community to other interested people."

The Museum always welcomes new volunteers and currently has a wide variety of projects to suit every area of interest or experience. It's a

great way to meet new people, learn about your community, make a meaningful contribution or just gain some valuable experience to put on a resume.

Some of the current projects include: processing old photographs or taking new ones, interviewing various members of our community about their experiences, researching and entering genealogical information in our community family tree, and cleaning and restoring artifacts.

There is something for everyone and training is provided. Volunteer hours are flexible so you don't have to worry about making a commitment that will be hard to keep. So stop by the Museum or give us a call at 766-0111. Currently volunteers meet every Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 1-4 to work on their projects, socialize, and enjoy a cup of tea.



Tips and Tricks for Our Website!

www.lakecountrymuseum.com

The Lake Country Museum's Website is like an amazing treasure hunt. With tons of invaluable information, community resources, historical photos, and links the website is a fun place to explore and learn about your local community. With numerous layers to its information we thought some tips for getting the most out of the Museum's website might be useful.



Our History page: This page is a wealth of historical knowledge including a detailed timeline of local and world events with pictures.

-To look up local Historical Events, click on *Our History* on the bottom of the *Home* page.

-Click on the black arrows to see what world events happened on those dates.

-Click on the red dots, then scroll down to the bottom of the page & you will see what local events have been entered & a map location for each event. Click on any event in the list & you will see a brief description & picture describing what information is available on that event, in the Museum Archives.

-Go back to the top of the *Our History* page & click on *History Index*, which is on the top right hand corner for a complete list of all historical events listed on the website.

Visitor Information page:

Click on any one of the links to other related websites for additional information you may be looking for. Most of the Okanagan's other Museum's are listed, as well as other archival sites and historic sites. There is a huge amount of information & pictures available at these sites.

Collections page:

Get an overview of some of the many exciting collections on display or in the archives. Click on any topic listed on the top left hand side of the page to view the Collections so far added to the website. Please note that the curser, when placed on any of these topics is a bar, not a finger or arrow. Click away!

Coming events page:

This is where you can look up what activities are happening at the Museum and when. Please join us for any or all activities.

Contact Us page:

Send us a message. We like to know who is using the website & we'd be happy to answer any questions. Your input regarding the website is also very welcome.

Museum Tour:

Stay tuned for the new tour which is presently being redesigned.

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