



Vases before restoration



After the paint was removed

News from the Curator

Dan Bruce, Museum Curator, acquired these Japanese vases from Falkland and surrounding areas. One of the vases was covered in blue paint, as you can see in the before picture. Dan was able to tell that there was something more under the paint due to the rough surface. He used paint stripper to get the blue off and as the blue paint was coming off, gold specks also followed

Dan suspects that one of the previous owners painted the vase during the 1940's. This would have been a time in Canada's dark history when the Japanese citizens faced conflict in Canada due to the anti-Japanese attitudes.

They are pottery vases with a matte finish and textured with slip (liquid clay). The vases were most likely made in the 1890's. One is in the form of the traditional Japanese water bucket (*second from the left*) and there is also a pair of vases which have similar patterns of two men flogging a woman. The vases are from James Gleed and were purchased from the Taylors.

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School Initiative

The school program is being initiated by Val Regier and Karen Gibbons. The activities will be structured around the Grade 2 & 3 curriculum but could be adapted for other grades.

Students will be divided into groups and guided through the Anne Land Room, the Nellie Carter Room, and the Wentworth Cabin. Proposed stations will include: *Indoor Life*; comparison of the General Store to a modern grocery store. *Outdoor Life*: scavenger hunt for artifacts, designing a brand. *Pioneer Life*; tour of the Wentworth cabin with discussion of the building and contents.



Ok Centre Patio Café at the Museum

The Ok Centre Patio Cafe is operated by Dawn Larden of Lake Country this year. Dawn brings over 30 years of experience cooking and we look forward to her new menu. She served High Tea at the Dingle House Restaurant in Victoria for many years and will be offering afternoon tea at the museum. Dawn was the owner of an Art Studio, teaching folk art painting classes so I'm sure she will have some of her works at the Tea House. Light lunches, desserts and ice cream will be served along with iced teas, coffees, and soft drinks. The Patio Cafe opened on May 15th this year so be sure to come and try some of Dawn's great offerings.



Dawn Larden

Volunteers

Over the last few years, the museum has been fortunate enough to gain the services of a number of regular volunteers. At least six of these volunteers are not Board members but people who work on specific projects once or twice a week. These people come to the museum, or in some instances work on projects at home. Total volunteer hours at the museum in 2008 added up to 58.7 weeks of labour! Their work is greatly appreciated and ranges from accessioning and cataloguing, building and special projects, to web site management and the publishing of this newsletter.

If you would like to contribute in any way please contact Sonja MacCrimmon at the museum.

We always need volunteers.

2009 Board & some of our Volunteers



Standing left to right: Andrew Miller, Treasurer; David Counts, Director; Richard Gibbons, President; Sharon Laing, Volunteer; Dan Bruce, Curator; Val Regier, Director. Front row: Eleanor Geen, Director; Jim Taylor, Secretary; Ruby Buick, Director; Sonja MacCrimmon, Director (Archivist).

Local Pioneer celebrates her 95th birthday!



One of the founding members, Anne Land, celebrated her 95th birthday in May. She is one of the original members of the Lake Country Museum and still actively participates on the board and has been volunteering since 1984. Her knowledge of the community is a great asset to the community in particular to family trees and recalling past events. Anne has lived in the community all her life. Her parents were James and Jessie Goldie who migrated from Ontario to Okanagan Centre in 1913. Her father was the manager/part owner of the Rainbow Ranch. She is an active member at the St. Francis Anglican Church in Lake Country and was a member of the original parish of Woodsdale.