

# LAKE COUNTRY MUSEUM

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**Service Stations of Lake Country** was displayed at the district office in April. It featured numerous artifacts from the automobile section of the museum. The colourful collection of tins that were popular in garages of the past. The famous 'flying red horse' logo from Mobil Oil portrayed a dominant part of the display. There is also a Licence to Drive a Motor Car issued in 1907. Pictures show Petrie's, Log Cabin, Union, Lakeshore, Woodsdale, Glead's, and Schubert's Gas Stations. Historical gasoline trivia includes information on the price of gas in 1910 (7¢ per gallon), the first gas station in Canada (located in Vancouver in 1907), and the skyrocketing price of gasoline in the 1970s (from 54¢ per gallon to over \$1.00 in less than a decade).

Volunteerism is essential to the successful outcome and completion of the many tasks crucial to the day to day operation of the Lake Country Heritage and Cultural Society.

*Thank you to all the volunteers who graciously give their time and effort towards accomplishing the many very important tasks.*

## *Volunteers at Work . . .*



*Miriam Bowles volunteers in the Archives and the Library.*



*Celine Gorham volunteers in Collections and Tours.*



*Lisa Mortell (left), volunteers with the Newsletter and Archives.*

*Karen Gibbons (right), Volunteers with tours and School programs as well as DLC displays.*

*Lake Country Museum Summer Students of 2012*

*Welcome Elise Hahn and Zach Kornell!*





## Events

- ❖ The General Wolfe School, from Vancouver, BC had a scheduled tour at the Lake Country Museum on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The tour was 46 grades 6 & 7 students that were split in two groups, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Activity stations were slightly modified to accommodate the older students that were followed by self-guided scavenger hunts and walk around the museum.
- ❖ The Vernon Friends of History hosted a presentation given by Duane Thomson on May 3, 2012, "Do Métis people qualify for aboriginal rights in British Columbia?".
- ❖ The Lake Country Museum's spring clean-up party was on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 which was met with several enthusiastic volunteers ready to work hard to get the museum sparkling for the grand opening on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Entertainment was provided by "The Spiders and Dust", followed by delicious refreshments.
- ❖ The Mother's Day grand opening was a success with many guided tours and scavenger hunts for kids and adults alike. The OK Patio Café was very busy throughout the day with families enjoying a meal in the sunshine surrounded with the beauty of the landscape and Okanagan Lake.
- ❖ Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am to 4:30pm - District of Lake Country Heritage Planning Workshop.
- ❖ Friday June 8, 2012, 7pm - Presentation to this year's recipient of the Lake Country Museum Arnold Award, George Elliot Secondary School.
- ❖ **The Centre Piece is an annual Okanagan Centre event that is on August 26, 2012.** This event is a family-oriented celebration that takes place at the Lake Country Museum in Okanagan Centre Park (11255 Okanagan Centre Road W, Okanagan Centre, BC). There is a picnic atmosphere with children's games, demonstrations, live music, hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and the annual tea with scones topped with fruit and Devonshire Cream. Everyone is welcome!