

# LAKE COUNTRY MUSEUM

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## Lake Country Museum Hours

Monday      1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Wednesday      1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Saturday      1:00pm - 4:00pm

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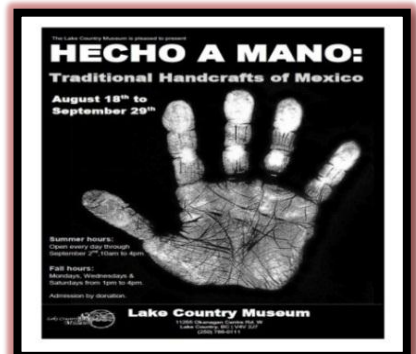


## District Displays

The display at the District of Lake Country in July (left), was timed to coordinate with *Communities in Bloom*. Highlights captured the historic foundation of Gardening in Lake Country's past. Museum artifacts on display included a hand sprayer by Green Cross, two hand scythes, shears, two vases and other vintage garden implements showcased were courtesy of Robert Verigin. A copy of the journal written in 1819 by botanist John Goldie, who was the great-grandfather of local resident Anne Land, was also displayed. Programs from the 'Women's Institute Flower Show and Garden Fete' 1926 and 1928 demonstrate the long history of interest in gardening. Local plant sales and flower shows date back to 1914. One of the photos shows school children planting a garden in 1944 on the grounds of Okanagan Centre School.



The current display at the district of Lake Country office (right), coordinates with a compelling exhibition of traditional handcrafts of Mexico which is on display at the Lake Country Museum through September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The exhibition features a carefully chosen selection of glass, textiles, ceramics, woodwork, metal, and worked leather handcrafts dating from Pre-Columbian to contemporary times. Special to the exhibition are copies of ancient codices from Madrid and traditional costumes. The exhibition also includes an informative photography exposition featuring the portraits and stories of Mexican migrant workers in our community.



## Upcoming Events

Lake Country Museum's next lecture series, *Bugs & Us*, by Ward Strong will be held on Sunday September 16, 2012. This lecture will be held at Okanagan Centre Hall, 11099 Maddock Avenue, Okanagan Centre at 1:30pm, (see page 3 for more details).

## Volunteer Corner

*A big welcome to our new and returning volunteers!*

- ❖ *Welcome back Rose Moore, who is a returning volunteer. Rose is helping with general work and in the archives.*
- ❖ *Lucas Anderson is a university student who volunteers with collections.*
- ❖ *Justine Anderson, who is helping in the archives and with photographs*

*Addie Maehara*



*Addie is a Director of the Lake Country Heritage and Cultural Society and has worked extensively on the Japanese Canadian Pioneers of Lake Country, BC (see story on page 3), and online collections and exhibition.*

*Sandi Harder*



*Sandi is a native to Oyama, BC, the daughter of Dorothy & Harold Thomson and a long term volunteer who maintains the gardens.*

## Volunteer Appreciation

*In recognition of the significant contributions volunteers make to the Lake Country museum, an informal luncheon was held on July 4th, 2012. The extension of appreciation towards the volunteers included the warmth of sunshine (after record rainfall), great food and enjoyment.*



*For further information on volunteer opportunities contact Shannon Jorgenson by email at [lcmuseum@shaw.ca](mailto:lcmuseum@shaw.ca) or 250-766-0111. Lake Country Heritage and Cultural Society  
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## Call for Volunteers

*The Lecture Committee is seeking volunteers to assist with Lake Country Museum Lecture Series, which organizes 3 or 4 lectures each year. If you are interested please contact Faye Stowe at 250-766-4346.*

### Centrepiece



*The Lake Country Museum's annual community picnic 'Centrepiece' was held on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Okanagan Centre Park. The historic 1920's garden party theme is a perfect opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other members of the community and is a great family event. Lake Country Mayor Jim Baker flipped the burgers and for dessert lovers delicious strawberry topped scones with Devonshire cream were served. The community celebration included classic cars that were brought by the Vintage Car Club of Canada. Activities, children's games, and performances by local musicians were also highlighted.*





## Museum News

### The Japanese Canadian Pioneers of Lake Country

The Lake Country Museum launched their new online exhibition titled ("The Japanese Canadian Pioneers of Lake Country, BC. 1899-1939"). The exhibition can be viewed at the Virtual Museum of Canada's website [www.museevirtuel-virtualmuseum.ca](http://www.museevirtuel-virtualmuseum.ca). Dr. Duane Thomson, Museum President states that "this project is significant for the museum and for the community as a whole. The Japanese Canadians were some of the earliest settlers of Lake Country and the opportunity to present their history has been incredibly rewarding."

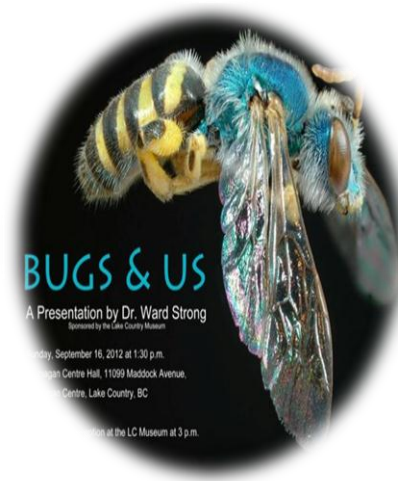
### Rainbow Ranche packinghouse 1920's



### Haiku Club picnic, 1920's



### Lecture Series



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The presentation will be followed by an event at the Lake Country Museum which is a short walking distance.

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Admission is by donation  
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### Heritage Marker

Lake Country's fifth Heritage Marker has been installed in Beasley Park. Historic photos and information provided by the Lake Country Museum commemorate the history of the Woodsdale area of Winfield. Other Heritage Markers are located in the Winfield town centre near the Memorial Hall, at the Oyama Community Hall, in Okanagan Centre at the head of the beach trail, and in Marshall Park in Carr's Landing.

