

# ArchivesNews

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## Welcome to our New Volunteers!

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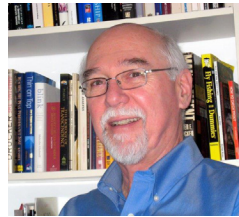


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Gina volunteered with the City of Richmond Archives from October of 2019–January 2020. Gina worked on typing the handwritten translations of the Lum Poy collection, which were translated by volunteer Zarina Chan last year. The Lum Poy collection is a series of letters (ca. 1930s–1960s) written to a market gardener, Lum Poy, from his family back in China. Lum Poy leased farm property at Terra Nova and he lived in Steveston. In total, Gina spent 20 hours working on this project, and we greatly appreciate her time and dedication!

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### John Hopkins



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John began volunteering with the City of Richmond Archives in March 2019. John has been a resident of Richmond since 1967 and he has an extensive volunteer history, including working as a volunteer docent at the Richmond Olympic Oval since it first opened in 2009. At the City of Richmond Archives, John is volunteering his time researching the origins of road names in Richmond as well as writing descriptions for the City of Richmond Reference Files collection. Researching name origins is a very complex task and we are so thankful to John for participating in this project. The work that John is doing for the Reference Files collection is making them more accessible to researchers, both in person and online. Thank you John!

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## Seeking Airline Photos, including Canadian Pacific Airlines

Did you work for Canadian Pacific Airlines or another airline? Do you have any photos or documents from your time working there? If so, the City of Richmond Archives would love to hear from you! If you do have any photos or documents that you are willing to donate to the City of Richmond Archives, please call or email the Archives at 604-247-8305 or [archives@richmond.ca](mailto:archives@richmond.ca). The Archives accepts original photos, but we are more than happy to provide you with a high resolution scan of your photos in return for the original.



Helen Healey, Helen Marshall, Capt. Drum Laviolette, C.P. Air at YVR, [ca. 1975].  
City of Richmond Archives, photograph #2016 14 11.

## List of Community Records Donated in 2019

- Baxter-McCutcheon family information
- Richmond Field Hockey Club records, 1979–2019
- Blair family photographs and records
- Zylmans family fonds
- Steveston Historical Society records, 1872–2010
- School photos (ca. 1930–2002) for: Bridgeport; Cambie; Dixon; Garden City; General Currie; Lord Byng; Hugh McRoberts; Richmond High; Steveston; Tait; Thompson; Trafalgar; James Whiteside School.
- School yearbooks/annuals (1958–1989) for: Hugh Boyd; Richmond High; Steveston.
- Fraser Delta Trefoil Guild records, 1984–2013
- 1964 election results
- Gateway Theatre construction photographs
- Steveston Secondary School reunion material, 1982 and 2007
- Richmond Women's Resource Centre material
- Richmond Jets yearbook, 2019
- Richmond school trustee election material, 1985–1999
- Home movies, 1948–1975
- Blueberry farming records
- Ben Dayson biographical material
- Steveston Interurban Restoration Society fonds, 1992–2011
- Richmond High School graduation 1961 invitation
- Sea Island school registers, 1948–1956
- Richmond Track and Field Club scrapbook, 1966–1977
- Richmond Driving school certificate, 1967
- BC Aviation Council photographs, 1938–2002, predominant 1999–2002
- Murakami family scrapbook, [ca. 1935]–2002
- Bob Bowcock collection
- Brue family history
- Joan Anderson print titled "West of London Farm", 1980
- Hong Wo store journals, 1915–1949
- Matsumoto, Nakada & Murata boat plans, 1917–1948
- Variety of historical Richmond photographs, 1910–2000
- Publications added to the Reference Library and Reference Files:
  - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary worship bulletin for Trinity Lutheran Church, 2003–2018
  - Variety of Steveston tourist publications, [ca.1990–2000]
  - Greater Vancouver: The Right Place. Right Now, [ca. 1986]
  - Variety of heritage publications, 2007–2013
  - Blueberry history, 1928–1955
  - Richmond cookbooks: "A little bite of Steveston historic Steveston village community cookbook vol. 1" (1999); "A Lulu of a cookbook A collection of favourite recipes from the staff and volunteers of Richmond Health Services" (2002); and "St. Monica's Cook Book" published by the Catholic Women's League (no date)
  - "The Japan Town, Steveston, B.C. in the 1930's, Moncton Street, Richmond, B.C." by Harry (Haruji) Mizuta, 2019



Adriana Zylmans (right) and friends, on the occasion of a visit to Richmond by the Queen and Prince of the Netherlands, 1958.

Accession #2019.6.

## Donating to the Friends— An Outstanding Year!

In 2019, the Friends of the Richmond Archives received total cash donations amounting to \$27,500! An exceptional amount of \$2,500 was received from a number of individual donors, including \$1,000 from the Ben and Esther Dayson Charitable Foundation and a remarkably generous bequest of \$25,000 from Dody Wray—a member of FOTRA of many years, a long serving Director on the FOTRA Board, and a supportive volunteer in many capacities.

Dody passed away in 2018 but her wonderful gesture expressed the value that she attached to the preservation of Richmond's historical community records, the work of the Richmond Archives and the mandate of the Friends of the Richmond Archives.

The FOTRA Board formed a small ad hoc committee to develop a plan of expenditure for this sizeable donation, in a way that would honour Dody's memory and provide options to maximise use of the money. Several projects were considered and placed before the Board for discussion and it is anticipated that a final plan of distribution for the funds will be approved at the next AGM in March 2020. Needless to say, the FOTRA Board was both astounded and grateful to be the recipient of such a legacy.

Your donations help support the Community Exhibit program, the annual Archives Tea, the Social Media program, the Newspaper Digitization program, and other programs and projects at the City of Richmond Archives.

The Friends of the Richmond Archives is a registered charity and welcomes donations to assist with its activities to support the City of Richmond Archives. A receipt for income tax purposes will be issued for donations over \$10.

## Remembrance Day Exhibits



Vice-President Lynne Farquharson, Treasurer Jon Henderson, and President Christine McGilvray at the Friends of the Richmond Archives' Remembrance Day exhibit at the City Hall reception on November 11, 2019.

The Friends of the Richmond Archives were once again honoured to have been invited to participate in this year's Remembrance Day reception at City Hall.

An exhibit of archival material showcasing Private Bob Bowcock, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Normandy Landings, and the National Memorial (Silver) Cross Mothers, was on display.

Friends of the Richmond Archives' Board Members Lynne Farquharson, Jon Henderson, Christine McGilvray and John Campbell answered questions from the public about the exhibit and about other historical resources available at the City of Richmond Archives.

The Friends of the Richmond Archives also partnered with the Richmond Public Library to create a display to commemorate and educate library patrons about the local contributions and sacrifices made in the First World War. Three photographs from the City of Richmond Archives featuring the Boeing Plant and Burkeville on Sea Island were displayed alongside the Library's collection of Soldier Files, a collection of personnel files of local soldiers, put together a few years ago, thanks to Library and Archives Canada.

## Other Community Exhibits

In addition to the Remembrance Day exhibits, a photographic display of the Thompson Family history was mounted for a month in the summer of 2019 at the Thompson Community Centre. The exhibit for the Annual Archives Tea focussed on both the importance of donating personal records and the FOTRA membership-funded contribution to the purchase of a new digital microfilm viewer and scanner for the Archives, replacing the old analog viewer/printer.

Such exhibits are possible because firstly, the cost of preparation and reproduction of archival materials used in illustration of exhibit topics is funded by our member donations and annual membership fee, and secondly, because Richmond residents, businesses, and community organizations have over the years recognized the importance of donating materials which are the core of the exhibit.

FOTRA and the Archives staff have assembled several themed displays of framed photographs for public display (at Community Centres, for example). If suitable hanging space is available, arrangements can be made to loan the following themed displays:

- History of Agriculture in Richmond
- History of the Steveston Fire of 1918
- History of Aviation in Richmond
- History of Minoru Park (including horse racing)
- History of the Salmon Fishing Industry
- Thompson Family photographs

## Mary Keen Memorial Prize in Archival Studies



Lara Maestro.

Every year, a prize has been awarded by the Friends of the Richmond Archives to a student in the University of British Columbia's Master of Archival Studies program, with preference given to a student demonstrating an interest in community records. Last year's recipient was Lara Maestro.

Lara graduated from the UBC iSchool in 2019. She writes: "Community records are very dear to my heart; as a Filipino immigrant I feel called to collect and preserve the histories of Filipinos here and back home. Filipino-Canadians have a rich history in BC as the third largest originating ethnic community—which is also reflected in Richmond! I hope to continue being able to take on projects that contribute to the diverse and multi-faceted history of BC and I'm grateful that this prize will allow me to do just that!"

Lara is currently working as the Director of Records Management and Privacy at Atira Women's Resource Society, which provides housing and support services for women and children who have experienced violence. Congratulations Lara on your award (happy you were able join us at the Archives Tea!) and we wish you the best in your future endeavours.



## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Richmond Archives will be held Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm in the Archives Reference Room. This is the yearly business meeting during which the Friends elect a new Executive, report on financial matters, and set a budget for the coming year. Nominations will be welcomed in advance or from the floor.

The Friends would also like to remind members that the membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Those members who are in arrears are encouraged to send their annual dues (\$10 per person) to the Friends of the Richmond Archives, c/o City of Richmond Archives, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC V6Y 1R9. Phone 604-247-8305 or email archives@richmond.ca if you are unsure about your membership status.

## Friends of the Richmond Archives' Tea

The annual Archives Tea took place at the Ukrainian Community Hall, and was by all accounts another great success. Guests had the opportunity to discuss Richmond's past, catch up with old friends, and enjoy delicious sandwiches and sweets.

The Friends of the Richmond Archives would like to thank the Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko board and staff for their support and assistance.



Mayor Malcolm Brodie addressing attendees at the Archives Tea on October 11, 2019.

## Fond Farewell to Barbara Williams upon her Retirement from the Board

After over 10 years of volunteering with the Friends of the Richmond Archives, Barbara Williams stepped down from her position on the Board when she moved to Vancouver Island to be closer to family. Barbara started volunteering in 2007 when she joined the Friends of the Richmond Archives as Membership Chair. Barbara also held the positions of Vice-President and President for many years. Due to her tremendous contributions to the Board, Barbara was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2010 and again in 2017. Her larger volunteer commitment to her community was recognized in her nomination for the Ethel Tibbet's Women of Distinction Award (2014). We are indebted to Barbara for her many years of dedication to the Friends of the Richmond Archives and we wish her all the best.

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Barbara Williams at the Steveston Salmon Festival's Friends of the Richmond Archives display, 2017.