

# ArchivesNews

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## President's Message

A report from me, as FOTRA President this past year, is not an established feature of the Archives Newsletter. But I wanted to break with tradition, and the Archivist has given me the space, to convey a particular message of gratitude to our membership.

I had spoken of this matter at the Annual Archives Tea in October 2018. Unfortunately, not everyone is able to attend this event so my expression of thanks was only received by those who were there. I want to make sure that ALL our members understand how very pleased and grateful the FOTRA Board is by the positive support received when we increased the annual dues of the Friends of the Richmond Archives in 2018.

Looking at the numbers, a 100% increase in dollar terms (from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year) was a huge ask although we felt the rationale was good, in that there had been no change to the fee since the inception of the Friends in

1987. We had tested the reaction to an increased fee by polling attendees at the 2017 Annual Tea, and found that the majority of those responding fully supported moving directly to a \$10 per year payment. This result surprised and encouraged us, as it demonstrated the value the members place on our activities.

Considering constant and increasing demands on all areas of household budgets, and especially in the knowledge that many of our members are on fixed incomes, we felt we may see a reduction in donations, if not members! However, this has not been the case. We have not had an indication from even one member that they did not renew their membership because of the increase in fee; nor have we seen a change in the total amount of donations submitted. For this, we cannot thank you enough.

**Christine McGilvray, President**  
*Friends of the Richmond Archives*

## Seeking School Class Photos

The City of Richmond Archives has many school class photos, but our aim is to acquire every class photo of every year of every school in Richmond and we need your help to achieve this goal! If you have any school class photos 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.



Bridgeport School class photo, 1978–1979, Div 4, Year 6.

## List of Community Records Donated in 2018

- Poster of BCER 1220 *Back on Track—B.C. Electric Rly. Interurban Car #1220 at Blundell Road, Richmond, B.C. May 1952*
- Sea Island School Registries
- Photographs of the carving of “Soo-Gee-Ghet” by Master Tsimshian Carver, Victor Reece and the Richmond Carvers Society
- Richmond Chamber of Commerce records
- Richmond Women’s Resource Centre materials
- Steveston Community Society 2016–2017 Annual Report
- Minoru Place Activity Centre Photographs
- The New(s) Scene, Volume 1, Number 39, December 11, 1968
- Fraser Delta Area Girl Guides records
- Richmond Gem and Mineral Club records
- Richmond High School journals and annuals
- James “Jim” Jordan records
- School yearbooks (École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary School, Richmond Senior Secondary School, H.J. Cambie Secondary, Hugh McRoberts Junior Secondary School, Matthew McNair Senior Secondary)
- Heritage Report material from the Foundation Group Designs (F.G. Architectural and Planning Consultants)
- Copies of Hector McDonald biographical material
- Michael Duncan prints
- Minoru Senior’s Legacy Stories
- Tram car 1220 restoration photographs
- Richmond incorporation petition signatory research
- Richmond-Sea Island Choir photographs
- Richmond Heritage Railroad Society records
- Nautical themed scrapbook of newspaper clippings collected by Martha Winifred “Winnie” Steves, daughter of Joseph Moore-Steves
- *The British Columbian Victory Edition 1914–1919*
- Family and personal photos and records on a variety of subjects
- Books added to the Reference Library:
  - *Memoir How hard can it be? Peter Wiebe 1915–2010: As told to his daughter, Diana Cruchley;*
  - *The Monster Cannery: The History of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery;*
  - *A Little Bite of Steveston: Historic Steveston Village Cookbook;*
  - *Bush Pilot with a Brief Case* by Ronald A. Keith;
  - *1169L1: The story of the west end of Sea Island, 1932 to 1959* by Doreen Braverman;
  - *My Hometown, My Furusato* by Chuck Tasaka



Etudiant Annual June 1940, selection of pages. Accession #2018 17.

## Welcome to our New Volunteers!

### Bev Boyd

Bev first volunteered helping out at the membership table for the 2018 Archives Tea. We are so pleased that she had decided to become a regular volunteer with the City of Richmond Archives! Bev is working on scanning historical photographs, which is the first step in making this material available on our online database. Once they are scanned, another volunteer creates descriptions for these photographs in the database and then they are uploaded online.

Bev is the daughter of Gil and Barbara Blair. Raised in Richmond since birth, Bev has a wealth of knowledge on the history of Richmond. She has been a great source of information on identifying the photographs that she is scanning, and we are very happy to have her as part of our team!

### Zarina Chan



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Zarina began volunteering with the City of Richmond Archives in October of 2018. Zarina is working on translating the Lum Poy collection, which 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. This is a difficult project, taking into consideration the old dialect, and we greatly appreciate her patience and dedication! Once these letters are fully transcribed, they will be made available for research in person at the City of Richmond Archives.

### Caitlin Lindsay



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After completing the Records Legacy Project for the City of Richmond Archives in May 2017, contractor Caitlin Lindsay took a position at the City of Richmond as a Records Classification Clerk, followed by a Co-op Librarian position with the Government of Yukon.

Caitlin is currently now finishing her last semester at the UBC iSchool (School of Library, Archival and Information Studies) where she will graduate with a dual degree—Master of Library and Information Studies and Master of Archival Studies. In December 2018 Caitlin started volunteering at the City of Richmond Archives doing item level photograph description. We are so grateful to have Caitlin back volunteering with the City of Richmond Archives, and we wish her the best of luck in her future career!



## Remembrance Day Exhibits

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 WWI photographs from the City of Richmond Archives' collection was on display to honour the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

Friends of the Richmond Archives Board Members Lynne Farquharson, Jon Henderson, 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 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.

## Mary Keen Memorial Prize in Archival Studies

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 Asia (Joanna) Stadnik.

Asia graduated from the UBC iSchool in 2018. Since completing the program requirements, she began an internship with the Surrey Archives as an Archival Collections Assistant. Having grown up in Surrey, she is especially finding her work a rewarding experience giving her the chance to further expose herself and engage with the social, cultural, and local history of the City. In discussing her future, Asia writes that she is "eager to continue working in the archival professional field and playing a role in making records of historical significance, that foster a sense of community and self-belonging, more accessible to all members of Society".

Congratulations Asia on your award and we wish you the best in your future endeavours!

## 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. Almost 100 guests had the opportunity to discuss Richmond's past, catch up with old friends, and enjoy delicious sandwiches and sweets.

Mayor Malcolm Brodie addressed the crowd on the importance of the City of Richmond Archives to our collective memory and cultural identity; a display on the newly digitized Richmond Review newspapers (1932–1965) was featured; large potted chrysanthemums were awarded to two lucky door prize winners; and we welcomed 7 new members!

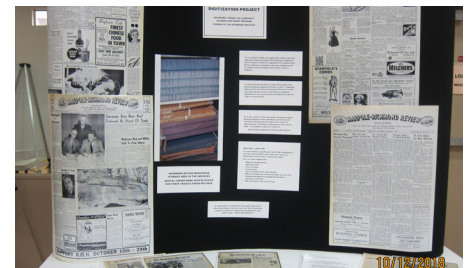
The Friends of the Richmond Archives would like to thank the Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko board and staff for their support and assistance.



Vice-President Lynne Farquharson showing the display to attendee Aidan Hopkins at the Friends of the Richmond Archives' Remembrance Day exhibit at the City Hall reception on November 11, 2018.



Friends of the Richmond Archives' Remembrance Day display at the Richmond Public Library, November 2018.



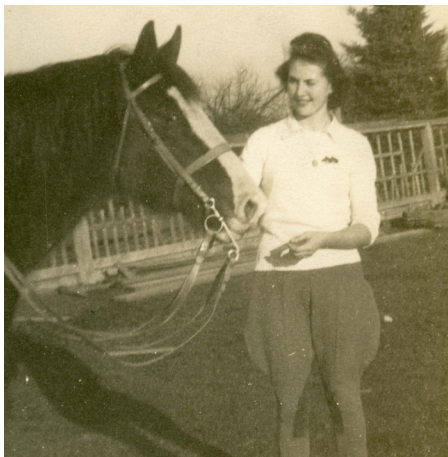
Display on the newly digitized Richmond Review newspapers (1932–1965) at the Archives Tea on October 12, 2018.



Mayor Malcolm Brodie addressing the crowd at the Archives Tea on October 12, 2018.

## A Tribute to Dody Wray

Geraldine (Dody) Wray passed away September 22, 2018. Dody joined the board of the Friends of the Richmond Archives at the March 24, 1998 AGM. She published two books in her time as Director: *Whispers from the Sheddrows: A History of Thoroughbred Racing in Richmond: A Collection of Memoirs and Writings* gathered by Gerry Gilker, Jack Lowe and Dody Wray (2001); and *Memories of Cambie Gym* (2010). Dody retired from the Board in 2012, but she still remained active, always helping every year at the Archives Tea's book table and attending every Annual General Meeting. Her presence is greatly missed, but her contributions will be forever remembered.



Geraldine (Dody) Wray (née Blair) and horse, [ca. 1942].

City of Richmond Archives, photograph #2001 12 1.



## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Richmond Archives will be held **Wednesday, March 20 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, B.C. V6Y 1R9. Phone 604-247-8305 or email archives@richmond.ca if you are unsure about your membership status.

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

TAKE NOTICE THAT a special resolution to amend the Constitution and Bylaws

of the Friends of the Richmond Archives will be presented for approval by members at the Society's Annual General Meeting to take place on Wednesday March 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the City of Richmond Archives, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC. The rationale for the proposed amendments is to comply and align with the new BC Societies Act.

The proposed amendments can be viewed in person by contacting the City of Richmond Archives at 604-247-8305.

### WHEREAS:

- A. The Constitution and Bylaws of the Friends of the Richmond archives require certain amendments to comply with the new BC Societies Act; and
- B. The Constitution and Bylaws of the Friends of the Richmond Archives require a special resolution of members in order to amend the Society's Constitution and Bylaws.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Friends of the Richmond Archives, amended in accordance with the requirements of the new BC Societies Act, presented for review and received at the Board Meeting of January 16, 2019, and made available to the general membership, be adopted.

Christine McGilvray, President  
*On behalf of the Board of Directors*

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Public Reference Room Hours  
Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Appointment recommended



Original Sweet Pea (Hawlmarm Lavender Spencer) seed packet from the J.M. Steves & Sons Seed Growers Steveston, B.C., copyright 1918. Accession #2018 44.

## Donating to the Friends

In 2018, the Friends of the Richmond Archives received over \$700 in donations. Your donations help support the Community Exhibit program, the annual Archives Tea, the Social Media program, the 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.