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Tribute to Graham Turnbull



Graham Turnbull at the Archives, 2009.

Volunteer and stalwart Friend Graham Turnbull passed away on June 10, 2021, aged 94. Since emigrating from Scotland in the 1950's to Richmond Graham worked many years as a gasfitter, Provincial gas safety inspector, and trainer before retiring. Graham became involved in the Archives in 2000 when Archivist Lynne Waller, who had known him at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, recruited him as a volunteer. Graham's shortbread production may have been instrumental in this decision. The digitization of the Graham Elliston Photograph collection, an important documentation of west coast fishing boats, was one of Graham's first contributions. Beginning in 2003 he served continuously for 18 years on the FOTRA Executive as a Director, Vice-President or President. As a Board member he has volunteered much time on outreach activities and exhibit creation.

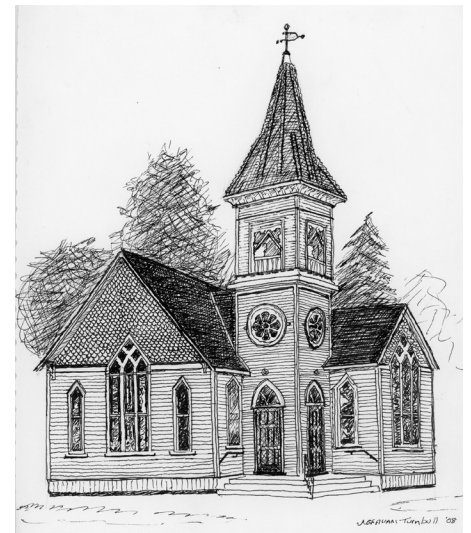
Graham was always extremely active documenting the built heritage of Richmond. Preserved in the Archives are his photographs of many historic residences such as the Fentiman house, barns such as the Ewen barn, the Ukrainian Hall, the Queensborough Shipyard, Mitchell School, the Minoru Sports Pavilion, and many more sites. In 2005 he wrote "Mahogany Pilot Wheels", a history of the Marine

Products Company. The arrival in Minoru Park of the bronze statue of the racehorse Minoru owes much to his efforts. As a volunteer in the Archives he was, until recently, sharing his knowledge and contributing countless hours a year on projects such as scanning photographs.

Graham contributed his service to many other organizations such as the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, Steveston Historical Society, Richmond Heritage Commission, and as a member of the Board of the Steveston Harbour Authority. Graham's passionate advocacy for heritage sites was well known and effective. Through letters to the editor or at public meetings he was not shy to voice his opinion to policy makers. His efforts and presence will be missed.



City of Richmond Photograph #2013 39 2 70 - Marine Grocery, Steveston (1996).
Photograph by Graham Turnbull.



Minoru Chapel (2008).
Sketch by Graham Turnbull.

MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

November 7, 1986.

Dear

You are cordially invited to attend a coffee night at the Richmond Archives, Wednesday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. The Archives Support Group consisting of past '79 Centennial Society members, Ted Youngberg, Leslie Ross, Betty Gatz and Jean Grover, are working with Municipal Archivist, Elizabeth Eso, to increase interest in and support of the Archives in the community. Your name has been suggested as a possible new member to this support group which helps raise public awareness of the archives, seeks out archival collections in the community, promotes book sales of *Richmond: Child Of The Fraser* (proceeds of which go to the Archives) and helps at special archives events.

The Archives collects, preserves and makes available for research the historical documentation of Richmond. Since a full-time archivist was hired in 1983, the archives collection has grown over 500% through the donation of community and family records. Yet much more work remains to be done to ensure that Richmond maintains its archives for future generations.

Please attend this "Friends of the Archives" evening so that we may introduce you to the archives, its programs and its community support group. The Archives is located in the Richmond Arts Centre, 7671 Minoru Gate.

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If you have any questions or require more information, please call Elizabeth Eso at 278-3301.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Grover
Ted Youngberg
Betty Gatz
Leslie Ross

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Friends of the Richmond Archives – Celebrating 35 Years!

In 1986, the Friends of the Richmond Archives (FOTRA) was established as a volunteer run non-profit organization by members of the Richmond '79 Centennial Society Historical Subcommittee, who had formed an archives support group following the disbanding of the committee in 1981. In 1986 this support group, which consisted of three members (Ted Youngberg, Jean Grover and Betty Gatz), felt the need to expand its membership and activities in order to encourage the promotion of the book, *Richmond, Child of The Fraser* and its planned supplement, and to take on a more formal support role to the Richmond Archives. The group held organizational meetings in November and December of 1986 to which they invited interested members of the public. At the December 10th meeting a steering committee headed by Ted Youngberg was elected and a constitution drafted. At the time the Archives had a full time Archivist, but was very small. It was transitioning from being a part of the Richmond Museum to a dedicated institution which could focus on acquiring and providing access to records of both community and municipal origin.

In 1987 the Friends of the Richmond Archives adopted a constitution and incorporated as a non-profit society under the British Columbia *Society Act*. The constitution sets out the following objectives: to promote and improve the Richmond Archives; to encourage the association of persons interested in archives and the retention of archival material; to focus attention on the Archives by promoting the use of the resources and services of the Archives; to receive gifts, endowments and bequests; to encourage development of the archival services and facilities of the City of Richmond; to support legislation, either municipal, provincial or federal, where it will enhance

Mary Keen Memorial Prize in Archival Studies – 20 years of Financial Support

The Archival Studies program at UBC has been training professional archivists since 1981. In 2000 FOTRA created an endowment to help support these students financially, through the *Friends of the Richmond Archives Prize in Archival Studies*. Each year a student demonstrating an interest in community records is awarded a prize of \$500. Mary Keen, who passed away in 2009, was FOTRA President when the award was created. In 2010 the award was renamed the *Mary Keen Memorial Prize in Archival Studies* to honour Mary's extensive contributions to the Friends and the Archives, through her leadership of the Board, and research and writing of six publications. The endowment has provided for the distribution of a total of twenty prizes up to this year.



Mary Keen at work in the Archives (1997).

Publications by Mary Keen

- 1995: *Meeting Places: Richmond's Town Halls 1879-1995*
- 1996: *No Idle Hands, From the Parlour to the Rec Room: Leisure Choices in Richmond, 1875-1995*
- 1998: *We Will Remember Them: The Lives Behind the Richmond Cenotaph*
- 2002: *A Bridge to the World: The Life and Times of Sea Island*
- 2005: *Time and Tide: The Settlement of Lulu Island's South Arm Shore*
- 2010: *The Country: Richmond's Eastern Neighbourhoods*

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archives programs; and to co-operate with other organizations or individuals in the furtherance of the aims of this Society. The Society works closely with the City of Richmond's Archivist and is operated by a board of volunteer directors according to the constitution.

The Friends of the Richmond Archives has been strongly pursuing its objectives through the following projects: using funds from Centennial account to establish a book publication program; participation in community events such as Steveston Salmon Festival and Heritage Week; the Annual Archives Tea event to advocate for a strong archives program as well as to encourage people to donate; and providing various grants and donations such as a map cabinet donated to the City of Richmond Archives, and endowment of the "Mary Keen Memorial Prize in Archival Studies", a yearly cash award to a student in UBC's School of Information who has an interest in community records.

Staffing Announcements

Farewell to Jennifer Yuhasz

In August 2021, after six years with the Archives, Archivist Jennifer Yuhasz moved with her family to live and work in Victoria. During her time in Richmond, Jennifer had a very supportive and productive relationship with the Friends of the Richmond Archives Board, members, and volunteers. Jennifer assisted the Friends with their events, exhibits and displays, and with on-going and special projects such as the Memorial Roads and Records Legacy projects. Jennifer's collaborative style coupled with her technical, time-management and organizational skills, ensured that continual improvements and progress was made at the Archives. She worked collaboratively with donors and took every opportunity to ensure outreach activities were a part of the Archives work plan. Jennifer was the epitome of a team player and was indeed instrumental in preserving Richmond's past and in making it accessible to future generations. In the words of the Friends of the Richmond Archives President Christine McGilvray: "We wish Jennifer and her family continued happiness and reward in this next phase of her career."

Richmond's New Archivist

I am pleased to announce that Dovelie Buie is the next City of Richmond Archivist. In addition to holding both a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Art History as well as a Master of Archival Studies degree from UBC, Dovelie has over 26 years experience in the field of records, information, and archives management. Working in the Records and Archives Section of Richmond's City Clerk's Office since 1998, Dovelie has a proven track record and has been one of Richmond's entrusted record keepers. She is a collaborative leader and team player. Living and raising her own family here, Dovelie cares about Richmond. I know Dovelie will learn from the successes of Richmond's previous Archivists and will work towards further solidifying relationships with Council, the Friends, community partners, City staff, and the Archives' many researchers. Please join me in congratulating Dovelie.

Claudia Jesson

Director, City Clerk's Office



Approaching the end of yet another year of restricted gatherings and functions, you will see from the content of this Fall Newsletter that the FOTRA Board has experienced change and the continuing need to adjust our activities. With the loss of personal contact with our members at the Annual Tea and with the public at community gatherings such as the Salmon Festival, Remembrance Day and other functions, we have all needed to adapt, and we do take some pride in having done that. Programs that continue to be delivered to our members include Facebook postings and the on-line delivery of Richmond history sessions, called Journey Through Time, hosted by the West Richmond Community Centre. The 2021 Fall Newsletter package includes two unique greeting cards featuring photographs from the Archives' collection. We are sending these to you to recognize the importance of the personal touch we are all missing—the written message to special friends and family, particularly at this time of the year.

On behalf of our FOTRA Board, good wishes and thanks for your continued support.

Christine McGilvray, *President*

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Meet the New FOTRA Director



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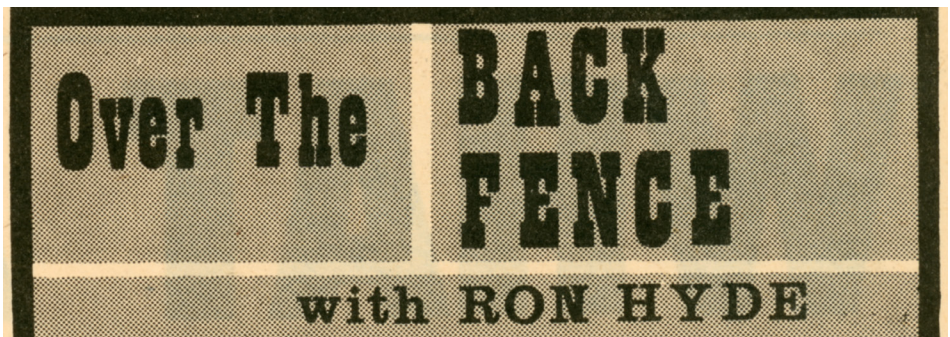
We are very fortunate to be able to welcome Ron Hyde to the FOTRA Board of Directors. Many of you will know Ron, who has lived in Richmond for 63 years and has been very active in his community with a particular focus on heritage and history.

A writer and editor for most of his life, Ron has contributed to many publications, including Richmond's *The Scene* newspaper, the *Richmond Kinsmen Bulletin*, and the BC Historical Federation's *Newsletter*. He published *Windows to our Past*—a pictorial history of British Columbia to celebrate BC's 150th birthday, and in 2012 published *The Sockeye Special: the story of the Steveston tram and early Lulu Island*.

Ron has contributed an enormous amount of his time in other capacities with a variety of community organizations, serving eight years on the Executive Board for Tourism Richmond and on many City of Richmond Council advisory committees. Ron has also served as judge for the annual Richmond Regional Heritage Fair for students, run by the Richmond Museum. Ron is Charter and Life Member of the Richmond Kinsmen Club, and a 15 year board member with the BC Historical Federation—14 of those years as Membership Chair.

Little wonder then, that Ron has two City of Richmond Heritage Awards, and was a 2016 recipient of the Governor General of Canada's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers—recognition of exceptional volunteer achievement of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields and paying tribute to the passion, dedication, and commitment of volunteers.

Thank you, Ron, for bringing your outstanding experience and commitment to the FOTRA Board.



Thank you to Susan Walters

We are sad to say goodbye to Susan Walters on the Friends Board. For many years now Richmond's Chief Librarian, Susan Walters, has served on the Board, applying her knowledge of archival matters, librarianship and general managerial acumen to ongoing projects. Prior to being a member of the Board, Susan, both a professionally trained Librarian and Archivist, worked at the Archives as a contractor and an intern. In 2004, Susan wrote the

"Thematic Guide to the Records of the Olympic Speed Skating Oval Site/ Brighthouse Lands." While Susan may no longer sit on the Board, we know her support of the Friends and the Richmond Archives will continue in the working relationship and collaboration that has been built between the Archives/Friends and the Library over the years. Thank you Susan for all your work on behalf of the Archives!