

THE Village Volunteer NEWSLETTER



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Hello, and welcome to the 1st edition of the "Village Volunteer" newsletter!

We hope that this new format will help to keep you all posted on what's happening, where and when, in the Museum. The "V.V." will be sent out every 2 to 3 months and will inform you of upcoming special events, programmes, lectures and interesting tid-bits of information, etc.

First of all, a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped us survive the very busy Heritage Christmas season so successfully. We hope you've had a chance to rest up and recuperate.

The staff have been hard at work since early January and are working toward the opening date of MARCH 2 for our new season.

Prior to opening, the Museum will once again be offering the lecture series in February. All volunteers are welcome to attend, and as long as a minimum of 8 people PRE-REGISTER for each lecture, the whole series will be assured. The units, dates, times and speakers are as follows:

A.M. sessions: 10:00 - 11:30

P.M. sessions: 12:15 - 1:45 AND 2:00 - 3:30

TRAINING UNIT

			<u>TOPIC</u>
2	Tues. Feb. 19 A.M.	J. Pride	Basic Concepts of Museology
1	Tues. Feb. 19 P.M. (12:15-1:45)	L. Pitt-Brooke	The Art of Museum Interpretation
5	Wed. Feb. 20 A.M.	J. Pride	Handling of Artifacts
7	Wed. Feb. 20 P.M. (12:15-1:45)	L. Pitt-Brooke	School Tour Guiding
6	Thurs. Feb. 21 A.M.	G. Heath	Safety and Security
3 (1)	Thurs. Feb. 21 P.M. (12:15-1:45)	L. Pitt-Brooke	Burnaby History I
8	Thurs. Feb. 21 P.M. (2:00-3:30)	J. Pride	Conservation
4	Fri. Feb. 22 A.M.	J. Buzza	Costuming, Grooming & Public Relations
3 (II)	Fri. Feb. 22 P.M. (12:15-1:45)	J. Pride	Burnaby History II

The Ice Cream Parlour won't be operational in February, so pack a bag lunch and we'll provide the tea and coffee each day. As you can see by the lecture times, there will be a 45 minute lunch break for socializing, etc.

If you have a friend who might be interested in becoming a volunteer please feel free to call Joy and she'll set up interview dates, etc. This is an ideal time to bring in friends, too - the training they'll receive gives them such a good start!

The lecture series is followed up the next week with 3 days of specialized training for the school programmes. All sessions are from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. with a ½ hour lunch break.

Tues. February 26 - Once Upon A Time (K-Gr. 2)

Wed. February 27 - Horse & Buggy Days (Gr. 3-4)

Thurs. February 28 - Be It Ever So Humble (Gr. 5, 6 & 7)

This is your opportunity to "brush up your background" in all of these programmes or perhaps take them for the first time! (And again - bring a bag lunch.) All lectures and training sessions will be held in Brookfield Hall (basement of the Royal Bank).

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR TEEN VOLUNTEERS will be March 9, 16 and 23 (10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). These 3 Saturdays will be the days we'll offer training for the Ice Cream Parlour (everything you really should know!), Gift Shop (new and exciting), Costuming, Grooming and Public Relation skills.

Just think of the dynamite package you'll become in time for the Spring and Easter breaks. Polish your skills and also pass the word to responsible friends and we'll arrange interviews in time for the training. (Only 1 full day of your choice is required for training.)

Again - let us stress the importance of pre-registering for any of the above mentioned sessions.

At present a special programme for Grade 11 is being organized that will start in late spring. More news of this later when details are in place.

Good news for any Volunteer who may have been placed in the Log Cabin during the cold weather. By opening day, March 2, you will find a snug, WARM Log Cabin with new lamps as well! The staff have been very busy ensuring that the Log Cabin will be a comfortable display.

We are also planning some changes in the Gift Shop - a little bit of a new look, new stock, etc. Part of the retail training sessions will feature a talk from a crime prevention R.C.M.P. constable.

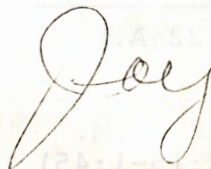
Over the past year many of you have probably heard that there are plans to expand the Museum grounds eastward to Sperling Avenue, giving us TWICE as much land on which to develop displays. We've been informed by the Museum Director that within the next month a concept plan will be completed and presented to Burnaby Council for their approval.

If the concept is approved by Council, the Museum Director will show the plans to all of you at the training sessions in February and explain how the expansion will be implemented.

In closing, I hope to hear from you by February 15 about the lectures and training days, so give me a call soon!

It's lonesome here without you!

JOY



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