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Ah! Spring!
We've waited a long time this year but it's here at last. All the spring flowers are blooming, the buds on the trees are bursting, and the robins are back. The Village is beautiful: Come and see it!

Sweet Spring, full of sweet days and roses, a box where sweets compacted lie. - Herbert.

Ye may trace my step o'er the wakening earth, by the winds which tell of the violet's birth. - Hemans


## BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS

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The year 1982 is shaping up as one of the best ever for the Model Engineers who build and operate the miniature steam Burnaby Central Railway. It started with the annual "Frostbite Run" on January 3rd. A foot of fluffy white snow lay over the tracks. A snowplow was borrowed from a member, and with the aid of three steam locomotives, the rails were soon cleared. A CBC TV crew filmed it, and ran it on the $\mathrm{Na}+$ ional News 271 across Canada. It was quite a sight to see, even in miniature, with all that steam and snow shooting skyward.

The members are busy painting all the cars, and all four locomotives are fully serviced for another year's running. Double track is being put in to ease congestion in the rail yard. This will allow more trains to be operated, especially on busy Sundays and Public Holidays.

A computer is being custom built to go in the new signal tower to contrcl all the signals. Eventually, it will keep track of all the miles each car and loco runs so that routine maintenance will be improved. (Take note, all you full-sized railways!)

Come ride with $u$ - bring all the family - it's still only $50 \phi$ a passenger, thanks to all the volunteer time our members put in. If anyone would care to join our club and hobby, nhone Lindsav McDonnell at 420-1778.

Spring has reallv snrung when a blue heron is seen fishing for frogs in the swamn in tre Railway yard.

## JOTT INGS FROM JOY'S JOURNAL

February 27th saw forty-five people go through a day long training and orientation session. It was a very full and rewarding time indeed: We are now in the process of placing many of our new volunteers in either the education programme, or in our display areas.

For your information, we'll be gearing up for Easter Weekend April 9th to llth (closed Easter Monday, April 12 th), and other special occasions from now right through to December. If you've been thinking of becoming involved as a volunteer again or for the first time, don't hesitate! Call me any time Wednesday to Sunday, and we'll get together. Our new brochure is distributed widely, and we are looking forward to a very busy season.

Come and get involved, you'll enjoy it: Phone Joy - 294-1232



## 1982 Changes

There are many changes taking place. All roads and sidewalks will be hard-surfaced to give a finish similar to the old style of macadam road surface. This will resolve the oroblems of thick coatings of dust in all the displays during the summer, and also the mud problems in the winter.

The construction of ${ }^{\text {f }}$ the new music shop and the wood sidewalks leading up to it is now almost complete, and the new cabinet shop is ready to have the display constructed inside.

Approximately half of the buildings on the main street will be painted in early May and in total this will make a major change to the appearance of the Village.

Although it will not happen immediately, we will receive a long term loan of two B.C. Electric trams from
 the Provincial Government. The restoration will be a lenghthy undertaking, and they will not be able to be moved into the Museum until we have a new building to comnletely house them.

We have also been very fortunate in receiving a grant from the Cultural Services Branch of the Frovincial Government. The g rant is to expand our services, particularly in the curatorial and education areas. This will allow us to complete new nrogremmes and nurchase badiy needed equipment.

In a time of severe budget cuts, this income makes life a little brighter, and $I$ trust all these things will make loR a successful yegr of operations.
R.F.Schofield

Dear Linda
Thank-you for invit ing us. We had agregtime please say thank youth the other girly.
from Jenny We love our fan mail.

All the News That's Fit to Print - from The Education Department

Good Heavens! It's March already! How time flies when you're a very busy Education Department!

It all. started January th, our first day back after the Christmas break, when the schools started phoning to book their Spring Museum visits. This, of course meant that there were pre-visit kits to assemble and distribute, cheques to be processed, follow-up packages to be prepared, confirmation cards to be filled out and forwarded, even whizzers to be made. All this on top of compiling the statistics for Heritage Christmas. However it was all worth it as our guided school programmes are now fully booked. The feedback we 've been receiving from the schools has been excellent, primarily due to the interest and enthusiasm of our docents.

Speaking of docents, we held very surcessful "new docent" training sessions in late January. Joy has, once again, done a great job of recruiting, and I do hope you will make Fran, Pat, June, Ursula, Marge, Diane, Sue, Rick and Wynn most welcome when you see them around the Village. Our experienced docents are, of course, doing a splendid job!

We also held an all-day training session on Saturday, February 27th, and have had two lecture nights. The first was on the "History of Costume in the Lower Mainland" and the second on "The Reconstruction of the Fortress of Loulsbourg" . All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the presentations as both speakers were outstanding, and the material related very well to what we are all trying to attain at Heritage Village Museum. We have two lectures coming up as part of the Spring series, the first entitled
"Education in Museums", on April 27st, and the second "Languages of Landscape" on May 19th. Both lectures begin at 7 nm , are held in the Ice Cream Parlor, and are followed by wine and cheese. I hope you will all make every effort to attend as I am sure you will find them interesting and entertaining. We must ensure a good turnout so that speakers of this calibre will come to speak to us again! So mark these dates on your calendar, and please feel free to bring a friend.

We also now have our new Metalworking Program in overation. Many thanks to Bob Burkitt and Michael Green for their great interpretations as the Tinsmith and the Blacksmith respectively. We are offering specifically tailored guided programs for High School students, English as a second language students, and a very special "blind and deaf" program. We are also gearing up for our "In the Good Old Summertime" June programs, in which we hope to offer as many of the "hands on" demonstrations as possible to those students who could not get into our guided field studies.

Whew: Must close before Ethel cuts me off. I look forward to seeing you all in the coming months and would like to thank you for your general support of Heritage Village Museum's Education Department.


## Burnaby Craft Market 1982 <br> At the Burnaby Arts Centre in Century Park 6450 Gilpin Street (at Canada Way)

## Sundays: 11 a.m. -4 p.m.

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March 7
April 4 and 18
May 2 and 16
June 6 and 20
July 4 and 18
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July 30 to August 2 inclusive

August 15
September 5 and 19
October 3 and 17
November 7, 14, and 21 and the annual
Christmas Craft Market December 5 to 12 inclusive. (special weekday hours)

1983 Markets: February 6, March 6, and from April, 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.


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