

CENTURY PARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

May, 1973.

Dear Members and Friends of C. P. M. A.:

Here it is the end of May; Easter weekend and the reopening of Heritage Village is behind us; the Annual Meeting of the Association has been held and a new Board of Directors elected; the renovation of display areas is almost complete; the Victoria weekend is over and everyone is looking forward to the summer months.

The Canada Summer Games seems to be a topic of discussion amongst most people and is super ceded only by the By-Elections to be held next month to fill the offices left vacant by Mayor Prittie and those aldermen who have resigned to run for the office of mayor.

There are other matters of importance as far as Heritage Village and the Century Park Museum Association are concerned and hopefully your membership in the association indicates your interest in these concerns. A few of the items of interest are being reported in this Newsletter; but you are invited to contact any member of the Board of Directors to discuss these and others, if you so wish.

1973 Board of Directors:

		Directors:	
Pres. -	John Thomson		
1 V.P. -	Hazel Simnett	Harold Balfour	Bill Lewarne
2 V.P. -	Alan Armstrong	Marg Beattie	Gladys Macleod
Secretary-	Eleanor Kool	Rose Bancroft	Harry Pride
Treasurer-	Joe Corsbie	Tom Browning	Fred Randall
Past Pres-	Don Copan	Rosemary Burnham	
		Elsie Blake	

The Association is charged with the responsibility of operating Heritage Village on behalf of the citizens of Burnaby who have representatives of municipal bodies sitting on the Board. These are:

Alderman Doug Drummond from the municipal Council
Commissioner Vic Stusiak from the Parks Commission.

Burnaby organizations may affiliate with the Association and have representatives of their organization sitting on the Board. Three such persons also sit with the elected members. They are:

Jack Anderson representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce.
Dr. Blyth Eagles representing the Burnaby Historical Society
Joe Carroll representing the B. C. Society of Model Engineers.

Founding Members Certificates:

Persons who joined the C.P.M.A. during 1971, our formative months, are being presented with a Founding Members Certificate as recognition of their participation in the establishment of the association. These were presented at the Annual Meeting on April 5th to those in attendance; or are being mailed to you along with this newsletter.

1973 Memberships:

If you haven't yet renewed your membership in the C.P.M.A. but wish to remain a member - now is the time to do it. Membership in the association is one way in which you may participate in the operation of a public museum in our municipality. Too often, we let municipal employees operate our municipal facilities and abrogate responsibility to others. Membership gives you direct involvement in the Village, as it was originally intended to do.

Marg Beattie, our Membership Committee Chairman, may be contacted at 433-0148 or corresponded with at 3796 Elmwood St., Burnaby 1.

Gift Shop:

Rosemary Burnham is heading-up a committee to assume responsibility for operating the Gift Shop as a function of the Association separate from the Village staff and operations. This will provide our members and the community at large an opportunity to become involved in the Village as volunteers and not as paid employees of the Village operation.

Attached to this newsletter are two announcements related to this facet of our activities. The one advertises for a coordinator for the Gift Shop who will assume direct responsibility for the day to day operations and be answerable to the committee for stocking, staff and accounting of the operation. The other is an invitation to members and particularly to any Burnaby resident to offer hand-crafts for sale in the Gift Shop. It is the opinion of the committee that they would like to see as much hand made merchandise, as possible, in preference to machine made novelties, etc. offered to the public in the Gift Shop.

If you are interested in either of these two circulars, please participate; or if you know of someone who might be interested, please pass the information along.

PLEASE NOTE: The BUYERS' MART at Cowan Centre of FRIDAY, JUNE 1st will be held at 1 o'clock.

Volunteers Needed:

As always, members of the association and their friends who have an interest in Heritage Village are required to assist in the staffing of the Gift Shop and the Manor House. Volunteers will be asked to work a 3 to 4 hour shift, which can be arranged at your convenience. If you can spare a few hours per week, please call Kay Zimmerman, 298-7925 and experience a rewarding afternoon in the Gift Shop or Manor House. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

Summer Operations:

Until June 23rd, the Village is open on Saturdays and Sundays only from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Beginning Saturday, June 23rd through to Labor Day - Monday, September 3rd, the Village will be open 7 days a week from 1 to 9 p.m. After Labor Day, we revert to week-end openings only through to the end of October.

Members need only show their membership card to the girl at the gate and admission is free to the bearer. With reasonable admission prices, the Village provides an excellent stop of interest to your summer visitors.

New Display Areas at the Village:

The renovated kitchen in the Manor House now makes it possible for the visitor to walk right through the house. You may enter through the front door and leave through the back. This has alleviated much of the congestion that occurred in the house, last year.

The newly prepared Dress Shop is proving a real point of interest to visitors. The staff and volunteers are to be commended for this beautiful display of a dress shop of the turn-of-the-century era.

We are particularly pleased to cooperate with the Burnaby Detachment of the R.C.M.P. in acknowledging the Centenary of the Founding of the force (North West Mounted Police). A number of events have been planned across Canada to honor this centenary; but the Burnaby Detachment's display in the Municipal Hall and their manning of the 'outpost' has been acknowledged as one of the best, one of the most unique, the one giving most exposure to their celebrations and the one which has included the most involvement in the community; for Western Canada. We can be justly proud of this display and of the efforts of the R.C.M.P. and their Venturer Company who are staffing the post every day.