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FROM SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

By the time you read this, Heritage Village will be in full summer operation and looking forward to another successful season.

The school programs have been well attended and the docents have provided the excellent support needed to make the student visits both enjoyable and informative.

I am delighted with the hard work and co-operation shown in all the areas of Village operation by our volunteers and our staff members - both old and new.

Elsewhere in the Villager you will be introduced to our new staff and I am sure you share my pleasure in the fact that over 20 new volunteers have recently completed a Heritage Village Museum training course.

I look forward to meeting them over the next few months as they join us in our pleasurable task of making Heritage Village the perfect place for visitors to take a step back in time and experience the sights and sounds of life in the Lower Msinland of 50 or more years ago.

Dennis Gaunt

CURATORIAL COMMENTS

The summer season is upon us and it is a good time to take a few moments to examine what has been achieved thus far while at the same time trying to wrap up projects which have not been quite completed.

Notable among improvements made this spring were the renovations of the Gift Shop which provide additional display and storage areas as well as greater public access. The steam donkey area has been straight ened up and a new water main installed which facilitates the filling of the donkey boiler.

Behind the scenes some additional temporary storage areas have allowed long overdue sorting and inventory work to be carried out thereby defining areas of strength and weakness in the collection and identification of artifacts which required restoration, conservation and gradual removal from these display areas. A new display to look forward to which will be opening in the near future is the Wilkinson and Kidd Tinsmith Shop. This will be a fully operational display and will be housed in the former Lubbock Farm Ferrier Shop.

There has been steady improvement both in the authentic quality of the museum displays as well as in their interpretative use. This growth process is vital in the task of preserving artifacts and the culture which is preserved and displayed in our living Village Museum.

INTRODUCING GILDA HEATH, MUSEUM OPERATIONS MANAGER

Gilda is the slender attractive almost diminutive blonde you have recently been seeing at Heritage Village and she is one busy lady. Gilda tells us that she was born and raised in Aldergrove and is currently living in Coquitlam. She is married and was employed by the T. Eaton Company for the past six years. Prior to that she was employed by the Corporation of Burnaby in Aquatics. Gilda's interests include sports, gardening, music and travel.

Gilda and Georgina have planned lively times for this summer's activities at the Village. Plan to take in the Vaudeville Production which can be seen on Sundays throughout the summer. See the following schedule for dates of the activities.

June

<u>Village Varieties</u> - an original Vaudeville production, on Sundays, commencing June 22.

July 1

August 1

Dominion Day Celebrations - novelty races and games, Best Pie in Burnaby contest and auction of pies, brass band music (enjoy a picnic lunch or visit the Ice Cream Parlour).

Throughout July there will be Heritage Blacksmithing skills displayed. Plan to to take in these demonstrations.

B.C. Day Celebrations - fun and games, complete demonstration of all steam equipment, old style logging camp competitions, novelty races for the whole family. Free baked potatoes.

September 1

<u>Labour Day Celebrations</u> - Best Baby in Burnaby contest, corn boil, spike driving contest, greased pole climbing, music and Vaudille Show.

Heritage Village is open Sunday to Thursday and Public Holidays. Closed Fridays and Saturdays. These hours are subject to change. Please phone 294 - 1232 if you require further information.

ADMISSION

Adults......\$1.50 Chi Sr. Citizens......75 Und

Children (6-13)...75 Under 6 yrs....FREE

CPMA Members - Admitted free - please present membership card.

JOTTINGS FROM JOY

Mother always told me not to put anything in writing. However, I was pleased to be asked to contribute something for the Villager. Perhaps a little background might be of interest for people who are new friends.

I have been a resident of Burnaby for 24 years, married (celebrating our "Silver" this August) and have three daughters. In 1967 I started my volunteer career by joining the old "Burnaby Civic Opera" as a backstage helper. By 1975 I was producing the complete shows for the new group "Heritage Musical Theatre." You may have seen some of those shows at the James Cowan Theatre. There was Annie Get You Gun, Fiddler On The Roof and The Sound Of Music. The most recent show was Cabaret in which I even danced and sang.

The summer of 1977 saw my first attempt at producing a Vaudeville Variety show here in the Village. We must have done something right because this June will be our fourth year of performances in the bank basement. I help only in a small way now because of my new job as the Village Volunteer Co-ordinator. The job is new but many of the faces I see are those of people I became acquainted with through the summertime shows. It was like coming home.

I am looking forward to a busy summer season and as soon as we have our team captains in place we'll be off and running! Please help the captains get the days of the week filled with display attendants - your time and talents are needed.

A word in closing - thank you for making me feel so welcome.

Joy Buzza

It is now "past Springtime" and nearly "full-time into Summer."
This is the "busy, busy Time" at the Village with a full complement
of volunteers required. Any spare volunteer hours you feel you
could share with Heritage Village would be very much appreciated......
lets all "digin" and help. Joy Buzza is the lady to contact......



IN MEMORIAM: of Marguerite Dixon, a founding Life Member of the CPMA who passed away very suddenly on Saturday, May 17, 1980. A staunch supporter of the Association and all that Heritage Village represented, she served as a staff person in the office of the Burnaby Division of the United Way for more than 22 years. The Volunteer Bureau, a United Way agency, was a constant source of persons for the various programs offered at the Village. Hundreds of volunteers have come to the Village as a result of their offers to the Bureau and Marguerite's interest in the locally initiated and supported project.

A memorial service in honor of Marguerite was held at West Burnaby United Church on Wednesday, May 21st, at which time scores of people from all walks of life in Burnaby paid tribute to the tremendous time, energy and effort that Marguerite had given to Burnaby and her residents.

GIFT SHOP NEWS

The renovations are now complete and the Gift Shop has re-opened. We invite you to come in and see our beautiful new shop. There is now more room, it is bright and cheerful and we have many new items to tempt you. We are especially proud of our handcrafts. Come in...to browse or chat with Dorrain and her helpers....but DO drop in soon.

The Century Park Museum Association wishes to express appreciation to the ROYAL BANK for a generous donation to Heritage Village and are pleased to place the following in this edition of the "Villager."

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FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

They came to learn about "Before" - before there was electricity in every home, before every family had a car, before you could buy bread at the store, before milk was delivered in plastic containers, before, before...and most of all "before television." The Museum Educational Programs allow school children to experience what children were doing before these changes took place to foster a greater awareness of their heritage.

There are often very original comments which cause docents to chuckle together at the end of a particular day but with satisfaction in knowing that the children they had met were thinking about the "past" and changes they might expect in the "future." The Museum Programs for this season cease at the end of May with "in the good old summertime" teacher—lead tours scheduled throughout June. The summer will be used for evaluation of the programs and the designing of 1980 — 1981 museum programs.

BURNABY ANECDOTES (supplied by the Burnaby Public Library).

Burnaby's first policeman, one William Baily, was appointed in November, 1896, to enforce wide-tire bylaws (wagons carrying one ton or more had to use tires at least four inches wide). His work included warning pig owners to keep their animals from rooting and wallowing along Vancouver Road (now Kingsway). Mr. Baily received \$2.00 a day for his services.

- 1909 A local resident was fined \$5.00 and \$47.00 costs for speeding.

 He went one half mile in 60 seconds. This rate was computed by
 two constables who watched from vantage points and timed offenders
 by using stop watches. They became known as "The Timers."
- 1910 Speed limit in Burnaby on good roads was 15 miles per hour.
- 1911 A bicycle bylaw was passed forbidding bicycles to go more than 10 miles per hour. Fine for infractions was \$5.00 and \$75.00 in costs or 3 months in jail.

THE PARITY COMMITTEE

Since the reorganization of the administrative structure of Heritage Village a group of people known as the Parity Committee has been charged with the responsibility of establishing the policy under which the Village is to operate during the balance of this calender year.

This committee meets twice a month and receives reports and recommendations as they relate to the daily operations of the Village. They make policy decisions which are conveyed to the various permanent staff within the Village administration for implimentation in such a manner as to affect the day-to-day operations of the Village. The department heads (staff); B. Miller (administrative), G. Hansen (programs), G. Heath (operations), J. Buzza (volunteers), R. Duckles (curatorial) and F. Hicks (custodial and maintenance) are each responsible for fulfillment of their duties under the overall direction of Mr. D. Gaunt, the Parks and Recreation Departments administrator who has been appointed Acting Village Manager by the Commission. Mr. Gaunt receives policy decisions related to the operations of the Village via the resolutions passed at Parity Committee meetings. It is his responsibility to relay these to the staff and to oversee their implimentation.

The tentative agreement reached between the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Century Park Museum Association designates the formation of the Parity Committee. The Commission appointed three delegates: Mr. J.P. Daem, Mr. A. Turkington and Mr. J. Thomson to sit with the three delegates from the C.P.M.A.: Mrs. M. Darbey, Mr. L. McDonnell and Mr. D. Copan. These people, together with Mr. Gaunt, compose the Parity Committee.

Although a resolution of the Commission officially took over operations of Heritage Village, a subsequent resolution delegated the Commission's authority to the Parity Committee. Similarly, the Board of Directors of C.P.M.A. has delegated its responsibilities for operating Heritage Village (one of the founding objectives) to the representatives of the Parity Committee. If either the Commission or the Association wishes to have input into the operations of the Village they must direct their requests by resolution to their respective representatives on the Parity Committee.

The Parity Committee replaces the Management Committee which was established as a result of the decision taken at the 1979 Annual Meeting of the C.P.M.A. It is now in control and providing direction in regard to policies that guide daily operations at the Village.



BURNABY CENTRAL RAILWAY

Since the B.C. Society of Model Engineers built the miniature steam railway and opened it July 1. 1975, construction has been on-going. On opening day we had two club locomotives: #73, a C.N.R. Mogul which many members constructed over a period of 18

months, and a Royal Scot which was built in England about 1936 and which was overhauled by our club.

In 1977 a C.N.R. electric loco (as operated in the Montreal region) was built by club members using ex-aircraft surplus motors, relays, etc. and this is our standby engine in case of a breakdown of the steamers (an infrequent occurence). This year another steamer has been added to the roster, a big 4-8-4, one of the largest type of non articulated engines built in $7\frac{1}{2}$ " gauge.

This one was also built in England in 1936 and spent many years on this continent and in the U.K. giving rides to thousands of passengers. The B.C.S.M.E. acquired it last year and is giving it a complete rebuild in the club shop. It will be better than originals, as new technology is applied to improve the inner parts of the engine. A question we often get asked is "how much is an engine worth?" Thats not easy to answer because each loco is a one-off hand-built machine. The value varies according to the finish and workmanship in the model. Like a work of art it's price depends on what the market will dictate. To-day!s market value on a large nicely detailed $7\frac{1}{2}$ " gauge steam locomotive is about \$45,000 but recent examples of newly built models made commercially in England have been as high as \$105,000. This price reflects the tremendous number of man hours of skilled work that goes into an engine, as well as the higher cost of materials.

However, many of our members are building locomotives and the cost of materials may run to \$2,000 on a larger engine and spread over 5 years that most take to build one; the hobby is affordable by todays standards. Indeed these engines are a fine investment for all the hours of painstaking work that goes into them. The locos will last a 100 years or more, like their larger brothers, and with silver-soldered copper boiler, corrosion isn't a problem.

This year at the track you can expect to see not only the club locos but probably members own creations which they have built in the basements. More of them are being completed all the time and they add to the atmosphere of our miniature railway to help recreate a nostaligic glimpse of the steam era that has otherwise disappeared. Come on over and enjoy a steam train ride again on our miniature steam railway.