

The Jasper Signal

Jasper-Yellowhead
Historical Society
Spring 2016

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Spring Outing at Redpass, BC

Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society
and Valemount Historical Society
Sunday May 29, 2016: 2 - 5 pm Jasper time
Due to Limited Parking travel will be by bus.
Contact the Museum at 780 852 3013.
Bring a mug. Refreshments will be served.

2016 Board of Directors

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| Warren Waxer | President |
| Mike Cameron | Vice-President |
| Michelle Booth-Uyeda | Secretary |
| Nancy Robbins | Treasurer |
| Vacant | Historian |
| Michal Wasuita | Director |
| Wayne Kennedy | Director |
| Tracy Maple | Director |
| Trish Brewster | Director |
| Helen Kelleher-Empey | Municipality |
| Kevin Gedling | Parks Canada |

President's Message...

Our Annual General Meeting always seems to be the beginning of a new year. It is always a great meeting of like-minded people and the time to review our successes and failures of the past year. A New Years Eve of sorts with out having to stay up late. At the AGM we reported -as before, finances prove to be a great challenge. As always the Museum and Archives staff continue to put out a first-rate effort and have ideas on how to do things better. It is that spirit and the continuing support of Society members that keep the Board hopeful.

The Board is presently working on a new Three-Year Plan to guide the Society and Museum and Archives. It is another opportunity to review what we've done and how we can do better in the future. We have to make sure we are relevant to the community and we have to be a centre that visitors gravitate to. We must professionally handle and conserve Jasper's precious artefacts and archival

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Is our Museum Important?



The Historical Society Board is in need of a Historian. "The Historian shall be knowledgeable of the history and associated resources in the Jasper Vicinity and shall facilitate the understanding and appreciation of the Jasper and vicinity history to the Society and the public." So if you know our local history and like to promote it, get in touch with the museum or email... board@jaspermuseum.org (two year term).



How important to you is our Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives? Katrina and Lauren from the Alberta Museum Association visited the Jasper Museum in April. Staff and board members toured the two through the museum.

Did you know Jasper was one of the first museums in Alberta to be accredited? Hours of work by our staff saw this project through. This sign by the door will lead you to a quality experience. Remember the museum provides important awareness of OUR local history.



Have you been in the Jasper Museum's main gallery lately?
If not - why not?
Is it tired?
Does it need interactive displays?

It is full of our local history, what else does it need? How can our museum change to appeal to you?

Lifetime Membership

- ◆ Lifetime Membership is \$500 per person with a tax receipt of \$500.
- ◆ Lifetime Members would get the same entitlements as members, free unlimited museum admission, 10% off all purchases at the museum gift shop, the semi-annual newsletter, use of the member's library and invitations to special events.
- ◆ Members will receive a special edition laminate life time membership card.
- ◆ Life Time memberships can also be purchased as a gift & in memory of someone. They would make that perfect birthday, Christmas or anniversary gift for that person who just has everything.

For more information or to purchase a Lifetime Membership, please contact any Board Member or email board@jaspermuseum.com

Remember all our other memberships are important! Please renew yours when it expires yearly!



AGM and Awards

When one considers that at the end of the evening, the meeting room was as full as we've ever seen at an AGM, there is definitely something to celebrate! Thanks to Rod Wallace, retired JNP Warden and Cultural Resource Specialist who came out of retirement (hibernation?) to speak to the Society membership and guests about his pack trip from Jasper to Banff a few years back.

The images and stories were very well received, and served as an inspiration to get off the couch and truly appreciate the region we are blessed to live in.

Similarly inspiring were the nominations and elections of several hard-working people who have served the Historical Society and the Jasper Museum and Archives for many years. If longevity is an important criteria, then Warren Waxer as President, Mike Cameron as Vice-President and Mike Wasuita as Director deserve special mention. Together, they would represent many decades of dedication and service to the vision and mission of the Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society.

Wayne Kennedy has long been a volunteer as well, and is returning as a Director of the Board for a second term. He has taken on the regular publishing of this Newsletter and is also involved in our social media outlets, such as Facebook - very important and worthwhile undertakings. Similarly, Tracy Maple returns for a second term, lending her efforts to both our Finance and Personnel Committees during the past year.

Rounding out our officers are the election of Nancy Robbins as Treasurer and Michelle Booth-Uyeda as Secretary, a position the latter took up mid-year as a result of it becoming vacant. In fact, both ladies were appointed to the Board in an interim capacity during the year, having responded to public appeals for help. They bring welcomed energy and capacity to our Board! New Director Trish Brewster completes the slate elected at the AGM.

Confirmed as Ex Officio members of the Board due to their affiliation with partner or supporting organizations are Kevin Gedling of Parks Canada and Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empey of the Municipality of Jasper. We look forward to their continued support and advocacy for the sustainability of our Museum and Archives.

On a slightly disappointing note, we were unable to produce a complete Board this time around, and a call for bodies to help on some very important Committees went unfulfilled. The Historian, an officer position on the Board, remains vacant.

Congratulations to Fred MacMillan, Volunteer of the Year, recognizing his many contributions to the success of our Canada Day efforts, and to both Karen Byers and Andy Klimach, sharing this year's edition of the Braniac Award.

Finally, congratulations to the new Board of Directors and best wishes for your success in meeting our sustainability goals over the next year. Anyone interested in helping out - please contact any Board member, ask for information at the Museum or consult www.jaspermuseum.org.

Herb Robinson
Past-President



Aboriginal Project Update



The Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives with assistance from the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada and Parks Canada, is pleased to announce the creation of a permanent sculpture that will be displayed in the front garden of the Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives.

Annual Memberships

Of the approximate 250 members in the Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society, sadly just over 150 are current. Membership needs to be renewed yearly.

Membership helps the society and the museum, please consider your support by joining. Individual membership is now \$30, after our April AGM, Family membership has increased to \$40, Patrons membership at \$100 will stay the same with a portion tax receipted.

Dale Mainprize—Canoe River

Albert Dale Mainprize—the last surviving CN Jasper crew member involved in the Canoe River Wreck passed away on June 26, 2015 in Kamloops at the age of 88. Dale was born July 8 1926, grew up in Jasper and hired on with CN in 1944 and was just 24 at time of Canoe River Wreck on Nov 21, 1950. He was working as a trainman on the westbound Troop Train. After 38 years of riding the rails Dale retired as a conductor in 1981 in Kamloops.



Fundraising Committee

Update from the head of the Fundraising Committee. AnnaMarie Couture

None of the following events would be possible without our volunteers - Thank you!

Festival of Trees - November -Trees & wreaths were donated by the community and we were able to raise \$4625 from bids and \$785 from the bar at the Wine and Cheese. This was the first big event for Carla, she jumped right in, and thank you to Val for stopping by to help out. The Wine and Cheese has become quite the annual event, all due to the hosts Janice and Wayne.

Hopscotch - January 23rd -For this event JYHS provided servers, and ran the coat check. Volunteers loved this event as there was no set up or take down & amazing food. We received \$2580 as a percentage for the ticket sales and \$918.55 from donations at the coat check. Thank you to DJ Bowen, Tony Bielec and the Sawridge Staff.

Jasper in January - Street Party - January 30th -JYHS had a booth at the street party where “Castor Tails” (think Beaver Tails) were sold, which was a huge hit. Sysco donated the Ingredients for the beavertails, the Fairmont kitchen made the dough for us, the Chateau Jasper donated their kitchen and then there was the rolling parties as these Castor Tails were made by hand. Warren Waxer has been organizing this event for many years and does all of the leg work, thank you Warren. This event raised \$1770 this year.

Robinson's donated \$500 in gift cards; this will be split between the hot dog cart to buy supplies and the Museum for openings, exhibits, etc.

Totem's Spring Run Off - May 8 -On May 8th, we provided volunteers to help with the Totem's Spring Run Off at Lake Annette.

Canada Day - July 1 -Canada Day is the largest fundraiser for the Museum. Last year we were able to raise \$10,518.46, and we could not do this without volunteers. Thank you Pattie Pavlov and the Canada Day Committee for all of their hard work! Canada Day is right around the corner and we will be looking for volunteers for the bbq and the beer garden.

Year round

Hotdog Cart -The hotdog cart brought in \$7,210.60 last year. This was the third summer for the hotdog cart and it will be back again at the Farmer's Market this year. If anyone is interesting in helping run the hotdog cart please contact Sheila Couture at jns@incentre.net or 780-852-4949.

Chocolate Almond Sales -Chocolate Almonds are sold year round by local businesses and raises approximately \$3000/yr. Thank you to Sheila Couture for ordering and delivering the almonds (with her cart) and collecting the funds.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with fundraising events. Anyone interested in volunteering for a fundraising event or being part of the Fundraising Committee, please contact Anna Marie Couture at coutuream@icloud.com or 780-931-2736.



Volunteering with Chocolates, Burgers, Beer & Minutes



Chocolate Almonds

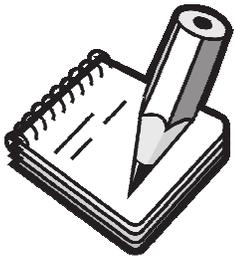
Fred Kofin started distributing chocolate covered almonds to local businesses who generously agreed to sell them and support the Museum. This fund raiser continues and needs to be passed on to a new Museum volunteer to take over the operation.

Contact Sheila Couture 780-852-4949 or email jns@incentre.net for more information.

Canada Day in the Park

Warren Waxer is coordinating this year's all day BBQ and is hoping former BBQer's will return to help him. The Historical Society needs a Coordinator to run the Beer Garden until the fireworks display, no experience needed, will train. Canada Day has turned into the Societies biggest fundraiser. There is nothing better than being outside on Canada Day.

Email...board@jaspermuseum.org
or contact Warren Waxer.



Board Opportunity

The Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society needs a person to take the minutes at JYHS monthly meetings and prepare for the Board—good spelling an asset but not a deal breaker.

Email...board@jaspermuseum.org
or contact Warren Waxer.

The Gift of Giving

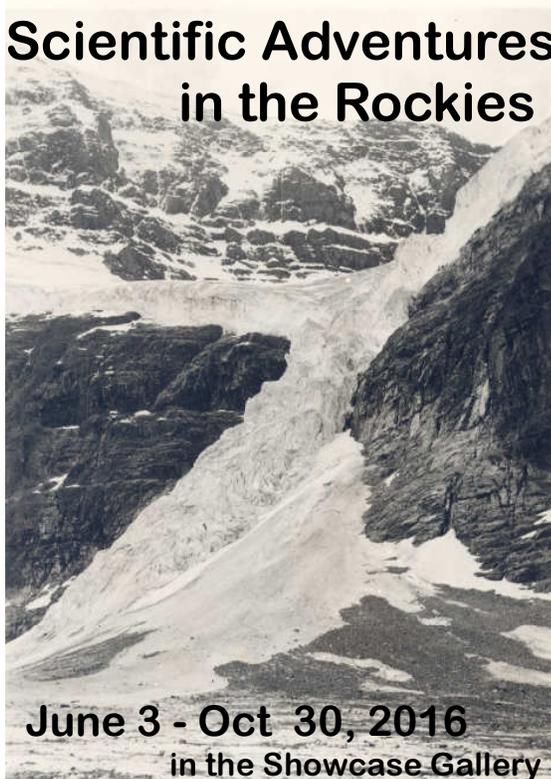
An initiative we are working on, as originally reported in 2015's Spring Signal in an article by Chris Stolfa, is encouraging people to consider giving a portion of their estate to the JYHS in order to assist in long term survival and the furthering of Society goals and dreams. We hope to develop an informative campaign, and would like to know if anyone is interested in helping with this sensitive area—perhaps a senior member who is more in tune with those who might be inclined to participate.—though of course such a gift can be set up at any stage of life!

It is recommended that you inform the Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society of your donation either by letter or by providing them with a copy of the page of your will with your donation. If you are considering putting restrictions on the donation then you should talk to the Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society first to be sure that your restrictions can be accommodated. Please stay tuned for more information!



Summer Exhibit

Scientific Adventures in the Rockies



June 3 - Oct 30, 2016
in the Showcase Gallery

July and August Annual Event



Mini Outings

Mini Outings are the second Tuesday of the month and start at 10:30am. Bring your own mug and we will provide coffee and goodies. Check your email or call the museum for more details!

June 14 - Dee Dee's mini outing - 600-612
Connaught Drive

July 12 - Surprise mini outing

Aug 9 - Sheila's mini outing - the Stone Cottage
at Jasper Park Lodge

Sept 13 - Carla's mini outing—Pine Bungalows
80th anniversary

Museum Outreach Exhibit Display Case

In Jasper Activity Centre Lobby...
May to August. THEN AND NOW. Scenes of Jasper
September and October. SCHOOLS IN JASPER
November. INTERNMENT CAMPS. Jasper and area.

Inquiries and ideas: Sheila Couture (780) 852-4949
Email: jns@incentre.net



Val D is back in the Building

The JYMA received a grant from the Alberta Museum Association thanks to the successful grant application by Val Delill. The grant has three goals -

- 1... Deaccession of artifacts that have no relevance to the Jasper area and return loaned artifacts no longer needed.
- 2... Reorganize parts the artifact storage area to make better use of space and
- 3... Prepare to write a grant to upgrade the storage areas with new shelving and other storage solutions.

Val Delill started back on April 18 to help free up some much needed space. Welcome back!



President's Message

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material and stage exhibits the stir everyone's interest. And, urgently, we must improve the finances of the operation so we can keep doing all this good work. That won't be easy but with a deft combination of cost cutting and fundraising it is possible. It is time to explore new sources of revenue and new partnerships. The Society and its many volunteers have always been good at grass roots fundraising and that will continue but it time to find new models of sustainability. The Three-Year Plan planning process is a time to dream big and any Society members with dreams and ideas are welcome to share them with us. We are only a phone call away.

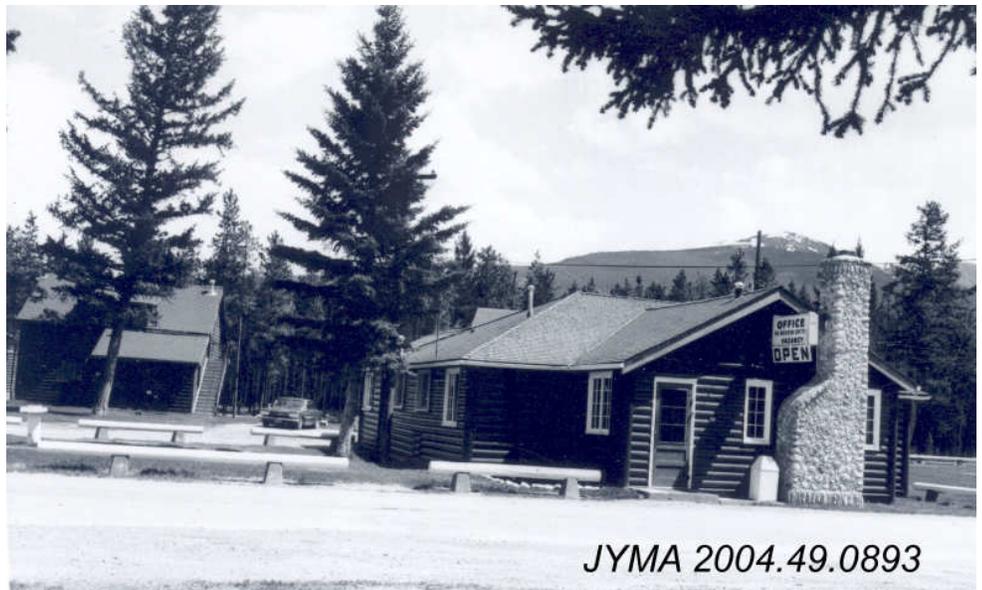
With this issue of the Signal we say goodbye to Museum Manager Andy Klimach and thank him for his two years of service. We all wish him well in his future endeavors. Filling in as Acting Supervisor will be our Gift Shop Attendant and former Manager Karen Byers. Karen has agreed to keep the show going while we look at our personnel structure at the Museum and decide what will be best for the future. This as well will be a challenge but a good opportunity to have a good look at where we need to go and how.

The Board would also like to express great thanks to Herb Robinson who steps down as President after decades of service bouncing between President, Vice-President and board member without portfolio. While Herb is no longer an appointed director he is aware of and keen to exercise his privilege to be an Ex-Officio board member and stay involved with the Board. We appreciate that.

Pine Bungalows 80th Anniversary

The first lease or license for Pine Bungalows seasonal accommodation property was issued in 1936 to Naomi and Thomas Jeffery Avarne Walkeden for fixed roof accommodation.

He chose a wonderful location alongside the Athabasca River (one of Canada's Heritage Rivers) approximately 2 kms from the town of Jasper in Jasper National Park in Alberta.



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In 1957 they sold to Stevenson & Treadway from Edmonton. In 1958 they hired Connie and Victor Wasuita. Michal Wasuita was 6 months old when they moved to the property.

In the spring of 1974 the Wasuita family took over the operations.



Heritage Stewardship

Being a Park Steward This Summer (and beyond)

Parks Canada and the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum have been partners ever since the inception of the historical society, (and well before that time, perhaps since the park was ever established!). The museum protects Parks Canada's cultural resource collection for Jasper National Park and collaborates with us to deliver programs about the park's natural and human history to its visitors. The JYMA and Parks also have two great groups of volunteers that work tirelessly to help share and celebrate Jasper's past with local residents and visitors from around the world. When it comes to volunteering this summer, perhaps you'd like to consider hitting the ground outdoors while getting a bit more familiar with Jasper's historic past (in the most hands-on of ways!).

Park Stewards are Jasper National Park's group of volunteers who help on occasional projects to get hands-on with national park stewardship. This group of volunteers includes long time locals, first summer residents and visitors from as far as Edmonton, Calgary and Prince George. In the past few years, volunteers have helped to clean-up numerous sites and shorelines around the park, remove invasive species like blue burr and toadflax, and restore sightlines at places like Pocahontas Cemetery and much, much more. In 2015, more than 130 people contribute close to 3000 hours in Jasper.

This coming summer, the Park Steward program is continuing to look for a few interested people to join us on some interesting CRM volunteer projects which may include (but not be limited to!):

- Restoring sightlines of several Parks Canada equestrian facilities found at major PC trailheads

- Removing wolf willow from the historic designated place of Jasper House NHS

- Giving the HSMBC plaques throughout the park some regular TLC

- Pocahontas Mine trail- we need a bit more volunteer help with a few more sightline sections

Additionally, we also could use some volunteer "behind the scenes" help for some other stewardship related duties in the off-season (fall, winter etc.)

If you think you'd like to get involved in park stewardship through this program, there is no minimum commitment to join us. Send your questions to Kevin Gedling or call: 780-883-0486 or jasper.volunteers@pc.gc.ca.

CN Storage Container on the right track.

Some in the museum call it the Storage Cache! Thanks to CN and John Ogilvy's dedication the container has stairs and decks, a loading dock, doors and a roll shutter. Books, ducks, ladders and cabinets have moved in and freed up much needed space inside the museum! The museum roof will extend over the container, lights and plugs will light up the interior and a skirting will surround the "cache".





Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives

400 Bonhomme Street, Jasper, Alberta (across from the Jasper Aquatic Centre)

Summer Hours Begin

Thursday May 19

Museum

Daily 10 am to 5 pm daily

Archives

Please phone 852-3013 to make an
Appointment or to check the current hours.

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Jasper Museum on Facebook

The museum reminds members by email or by Facebook for upcoming events. Talk to the museum if you wish to be added to the email list or phone.

Showcase Gallery

Lake Edith Artists - Group Art Show

May 1 - 28

Artists Reception Sunday May 22 from 3pm to 5 pm

Scientific Adventures in the Rockies

Journey with us to discover what Dr. Brian Luckman has learned in researching glaciers and tree rings in the Rockies.

June 3 - Oct 30

Festival of Trees

Incredible creativity and unique expression of individual tree decorators/artists and incorporates donations from local businesses to create a spectacular fundraiser for the museum!

Nov 19 - Dec 17

Bridgland Room

Alberta & the Great War

This Provincial Archives of Alberta travelling exhibit depicts the many ways the First World War changed the province forever.

Oct 27 - Nov 13

Alcove

Bryan Hannis - Pottery Masks & Teapots

May 5 - 29

Sandy Robinson - Landscape Paintings

June 1 - July 5

Rocky Mountain Women

Discover the lives of these strong, adventurous pioneers!

July 8 - September 5

Cutting Ties in Jasper National Park

Learn how railroad ties were cut in the Whirlpool and floated downstream to the Jackladder in the 1920s with Dr. Peter Murphy, Tom Peterson & Mike Dillon.

Sept 9 - Jan 15