



# The Jasper Signal

Jasper-Yellowhead  
Historical Society

FALL 2007

## JYHS Fall Outing

Sunday, October 14, 2007

1-4 pm

Whistlers Hostel

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## Whistlers Ski Hill Memories

Join us for a look back at Whistlers Ski Hill from its development in the 40's to night skiing in the 70's. Still used for sliding today, this beloved hill has not been forgotten by Jasper's residents. We'll hike the steep hill under the ski jump and relax in the hostel with a cup of hot chocolate. Bring your stories and pictures, your mug and a plate of goodies to share. If you would like to bring films or slides please contact us to make sure we have a projector available.

For more information contact Joe Couture at 852-4949

## Festival of Trees

When the museum took over this fundraising event most of the trees were decorated by Jasper's businesses. In the last two years more families and groups have joined our Festival of Trees and the event has taken on a life of its own. The trees are creative and fun and the Showcase Gallery comes alive during the holiday season. If you would like to decorate a tree or wreath please call or e-mail us by November 15th.

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## Museum News

Both the museum & archives have been very busy this year with all the JNP Centennial events. From the opening of our summer exhibit, Rough Trails 'n Wild Tales, in June until the Weekend of the Century in September, we have been working full out. Parks Canada included the museum in many of their special activities. The opening of our Rough Trails exhibit featured a wonderful afternoon of games and a strawberry social. Mike Wasuita loaned us his marquee and volunteers helped dish out strawberries and make homemade ice cream.

In July we hosted a farewell tea for long time JYHS member Edith Gourley. Edith has now settled into her new home in Red Deer. We will really miss her wisdom and guidance.



Warren Waxer, Sheila Couture & Edith Gourley

For the Tea and Trails event on Parks Day we teamed up with the Jasper Trails Project's Marci Dewandel on the lawn of the Jackman House. We erected a canvas tent (loaned to us by Gunner Ireland) and filled it with many artefacts and pictures. Volunteers Roger and Margaret Maltby served up tea from the Tea Leaf Boutique and home made goodies to an appreciative audience. Cynthia Ball's orange tea bread was a big hit.

During the summer months we were kept busy with our series of mini outings. One high light was the Rocks and Quarries outing where Sheila Couture researched the many stone buildings built in Jasper.

In September we took down the Rough Trails exhibit and moved many of the cases to the activity centre so people could enjoy the displays during the weekend celebrations. Due to the support of Parks Canada and the Jasper Rotary Club we were able to have a very successful fundraising auction at the Shindig of the Century. We owe a great deal of thanks to the many people who have supported the museum.



Tea & Trails at the Jackman House

The Jasper Signal is a publication of the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society that tells the story of Jasper's regional heritage both natural and cultural while presenting the activities and priorities of the Society. The Jasper Signal is named after Signal Mountain.

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### JYHS Directors 2007

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- Joe Couture
- Mike Day
- Fred Kofin
- Dick Ireland
- Shelley MacQueen
- Herb Robinson
- Ken Walker
- Mike Wasuita
- Warren Waxer

### Mission Statement

"The Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society will promote awareness, understanding and appreciation of our regional heritage, both natural and cultural, to the residents and visitors of our community."



## Members Honoured

This summer several of our long time members were honoured for their years of volunteer work in our community.

In July Arvon Hilworth received a certificate recognizing over 50 years of volunteering in Jasper. In addition to donating his time to the JYHS, Arvon has put in countless hours with hockey, baseball and even the Canadian Daughters Club. He continues to work on projects near and dear to his heart like the history of the Lovat Scouts and helping the museum with documenting railway history.



Arvon Hilworth & Mike Dillon investigating the Hartley tunnels.



Bill Ruddy & Dee Dee Bartlett looking at the flag from the Maligne Tours boat The Juanita. They are standing beside Curly Phillips' riverboat.

Bill Ruddy was also recognized this summer when he was named Citizen of the Century by the Jasper Booster. Bill came to Jasper in 1945 and quickly made his mark in every aspect of Jasper life. He ran the Snowmobile Tours at the Columbia Icefields and the boats on Maligne Lake and was active in the Chamber of Commerce and the United Church. Bill received his award during a ceremony on the Weekend of the Century.

This fall Fred Kofin received the Alberta Museums Association Distinguished Service award in Red Deer from Lt. Governor Norman Kwong at a gala dinner. Fred accepted the award with a wonderful speech and several family, museum staff and board members attended the event.



Gerry Osmond, Fred Kofin, Lt. Governor Kwong and Hon. Hector Goudreau at the AMA awards.

**Congratulations to all three!**



## Archives

October 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> is Archives Week and to celebrate, virtual exhibits are available for your viewing pleasure. Visit [www.archivesalberta.org](http://www.archivesalberta.org) and click on exhibits to view submitted exhibits from Alberta archives. "Archives Unleashed: Animals leaving their mark in Alberta history 2007, a virtual menagerie takes over when Alberta's archives unleash the family pets, working animals, untamed wildlife and exotic creatures from the past that normally lurk quietly in the stacks. Beware!" (from ASA site). Check out Jasper's submission and if you like what you see, stop by the museum gift shop and pick up a 2008 calendar, made by the ASA from submitted photographs (Guess which photograph made the cover!), and show your support for Jasper's museum and archives.

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### JASPER'S CACHE

is a place for storing OUR past  
And YOUR Jasper memories

The past is a non-renewable resource. By preserving a tiny bit of our past we can travel through time and visit the first inhabitants of this area and those that have come since. Standing in their footsteps, seeing what their eyes saw, we can gain understanding of what existed then, what exists now and what will exist.

**You can be a part of this centennial project,**  
come by the museum, pick-up a cache sheet to submit your story or memory from your life in Jasper.

Photos and other items also accepted

### Report from the Treasurer:

2007 Long Weekend

Book Sales:

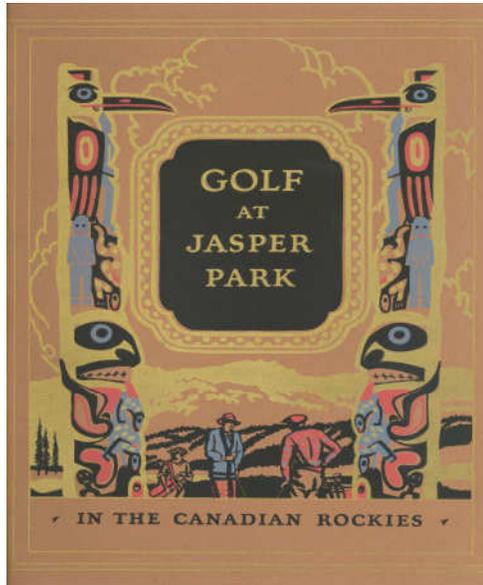
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Bake Sale

\$1382



## Fore Jasper's History



"What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive."  
Arnold Palmer

On centennial weekend, Jasper golfers teed up in celebration of Jasper National Park's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in support of the Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives. The heritage golf tournament was a fitting event to celebrate the centennial and our history. The Jasper Park Lodge Golf course has its own special history and has been a source of recreation, competition, and sheer enjoyment for locals, visitors, celebrities and golf professionals for the past 85 years. Course architect, Stanley Thompson, created a golf course that was unique in its incorporation of natural land contours and the majestic peaks proving that golf and mountains is a match made heaven. Golfers put on their plus fours and brought out their best drivers to celebrate 100 years of the greatest place on earth at one of the most beautiful golf courses on earth. They also helped support the Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives.

Thank you to Mike Cameron and the Fairmont JPL staff for all their hard work in organizing the tournament.

### Website and E-Mail Addresses:

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Coffee Hour  
will start up on  
Tuesday, October 23

Be sure to join us each Tuesday at  
10:30 for an hour of historical  
interest.





## Collections

### Look What I Found on the Front Porch



Over the years the museum has had a number of items mysteriously appear at the front door (or back door). Presumably these treasures have been left by well meaning patrons wishing to add to the museum collection. Apparently this is not unusual and happens at most museums. It does, however, leave us with a bit of a predicament.

When an item is donated to the museum there are several things that need to happen. Incoming items are evaluated by an Accession Committee to determine if they would make a good addition to the collection. Each item must meet certain criteria as laid out in the Museum's collection policy. One of the most important factors considered is the item's relevance to this area. If

it arrives on the doorstep without information most of its historical value is lost.

The other problem pertains to the ownership. When an item is donated through proper channels there is a series of documents which when completed transfers the ownership of the item to the museum. Without this documentation these foundlings are left in limbo. Currently, in Alberta there is no law regarding abandoned property. Without the owners permission we cannot officially add them to the museum collection nor can we dispose of them. They end up sitting on a shelf lonely and abandoned.

One example of an abandoned artefact is a covered wagon lamp showed up last year. It is an interesting example of a handcrafted object. What is its relevance to Jasper? Who made it? Was it made or used in Jasper? When? Who dropped it off? We don't know and unless someone comes forward it will continue to sit on a shelf unused.

Another example is this child's chair. It is a lovely antique in its own rite even though it has some damage. But did you know this chair was owned by Mrs. J.S. Robson (nee Mary Bowers) who brought it to Jasper. It was made by her father. The back is broken because her brother used it as a plough!

We love to get donations and without them there would be not a museum but please let us know the history and officially donate all items.



**Need a meeting room?**  
\$30 per evening or  
\$60 for a full day  
We now have an LCD and  
slide projector.  
Call 852-3013 to book

Thank you to the Municipality staff  
for the epic weeding  
sessions in the  
museum flower beds!





## Gift Shop News

Well it's fall already and although you may or may not realize it, Christmas is just a few months away. The gift shop is bursting with great gift ideas. We still have a few buffalo that have not yet migrated, but they will not be around for long! When it comes to books, we carry a few that really capture the spirit of this beautiful place we call home.



Lucie Doucet

New titles include: *A Hard Road to Travel*, *People & Peaks*, *Forgotten Highways*, *Lake Edith*, just to name a few. *Historic Bead Jewelry* is always a popular choice. Unique and eye catching, a piece of this jewelry makes a great gift for that special someone, or treating yourself. While supplies last, we have a very detailed map of David Thompson's travels through Alberta from 1787-1812. This year kicks off bicentennial celebrations of his explorations in this part of the world.

If you have not visited the Museum gift shop in a while, come on in and see me. I am sure that you will find something to interest you. See you soon!

Lucie Doucet  
Gift shop Manager

## Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives

### Museum

Winter Hours

October-May

10am to 5 pm

Thursday-Sunday

### Archives

Monday-Wednesday

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm

### Admission

Adults \$4

Students & Seniors \$3

Members & Children 5 and under Free

### Yearly Membership Fees

Individual \$15

Family \$25

Patron \$100

## Gallery Schedule

### Showcase Gallery 2007

#### Tuktu Prayers

Tuktu is Inuit for Caribou and the prayer is that Caribou will continue to be part of wild Canada for the centuries to come.

Sept 14-30

#### Russell Ruddy:

#### *The Exuberant Years*

A photo recollection by

Keith Richards

October 6-November 15

#### Festival of Trees

November 29-December 16th

Over the past few years more businesses, groups, families and individuals have added their creative energy to the Festival of Trees. Be sure to make this event part of your holiday celebration.

### The Alcove Gallery

#### One Room, One Teacher and a Yardstick

A turn of the century school room in the alcove cabin.

October 15-March 2008



## 2007 Patrons

Addison Family  
 Frederick L. Appleyard  
 Rob Arbuthnott  
 Astoria Hotel  
 Bear Hill Lodge  
 Pat Bell  
 Mike & Anna Cassio  
 Sue & Al Cesco  
 Ian Coates Family  
 Couture Family  
 Gwen Craig  
 Laureen Di Stefano  
 Olga & Bob Dowling  
 Mildred Flanagan  
 Edith Gourley

Dong Kwon Han  
 Houston Insurance Brokers  
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 Frank Lough  
 John McLay Family  
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 Peak Automotive  
 Tom & Vi Peterson  
 Pine Bungalows  
 Herb Robinson Family  
 Bill Ruddy Family  
 Adrian & Teresa Smith  
 Marilyn & Ron Steers  
 Sunwapta Falls Resort  
 Don & Edna Weekes



## What ever Happened to Great Aunt Martha's China?

Did you know you can now access most of our artifact collection at the museum? Not just the items on display but also the artifacts in storage. It is not possible to have all the museum collection on display at the same time. Some of it is used in the permanent display, but other pieces are in storage and are brought out for temporary displays and exhibits.

We now have a computer terminal in the lobby area where you can see digital photos and information about the artifacts even when not on display. Stop by and give it a try. Demonstrations will be available at our regular Tuesday coffee time or can be arranged by phoning the museum.

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