



The Jasper Signal

Jasper-Yellowhead
Historical Society

FALL 2008

Another successful JYHS Fall Outing!



Where was the Y?

A group of happy campers reminisced in the warm sunshine under the pines on the site of the old Lake Edith YMCA Camp on September 28. Thanks to the extensive research and planning of Joe and Sheila Couture, we learned about the history of the camp and the many people who loved it. Leslie Kinsey, Bill Kinsey Jr. and Bob Baxter were able to add wonderful stories from their experiences and help us locate the remnants of some of the buildings. Although we didn't sing any campfire songs, we were able to indulge in Mike Cameron's S'mores and banana boats!

Festival of Trees

Last year's Festival of Trees was our best ever. Each year the trees get more creative and the bids are more generous. Many of Jasper's residents make a point of bidding on trees for friends and family and last year some of Jasper's seasonal staff took home trees to brighten up their rooms and apartments over the holidays. The trees are creative and fun and the Showcase Gallery comes alive during the holiday season. This year our Christmas display is "Catalogue Shopping". If you would like to decorate a tree or wreath please call or e-mail us by November 17th.

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Museum News

The museum has had another very successful summer. Our admissions were up and our gift shop sales were respectable. The *Bears in the Alley* exhibit was a hit with visitors and locals alike and we got many great comments and suggestions in our draw box. We drew for the three stuffed bears on the final day of the exhibit and they were mailed off to Hinton, Spruce Grove and England. The *Bears in the Alley* book was our best seller this summer and continues to sell well into the fall.

The Mary Schaffer exhibit, on loan from the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, was a fabulous bonus to our summer program. Schaffer's beautiful photographs continue to amaze the world 100 years later. It was wonderful to take several of the photographs up to Maligne Lake for their 100th Anniversary celebration. Thanks to Ted Hart and Craig Richards of the Whyte Museum, we were able to keep a set of the prints for our collection.

Last spring the museum staff and board member Cynthia Ball got together to create a disaster plan. In addition to the safety of our visitors and staff, we have many priceless artefacts and documents that need to be safeguarded. We have been beavering away at the plan and hope to have it up and running in the new year.

Fundraising was also successful this summer. The JYHS board took on the Canada Day concession and raised over \$2000, donations and patron memberships were very generous and Maligne Tours held an auction for our benefit that raised over \$18,000 in a single afternoon. We are also very thankful that both Parks Canada and the Municipality of Jasper have given us substantial ongoing financial support.

The museum staff and Sheila Couture put together an impressive line up of mini outings over the summer and we had a good turn out for all of them. Now that fall is upon us, we have started up our Tuesday coffee hour. Please drop by and see us and bring a friend!



Don Hayes and Jack & Ross Pugh at the site of the old market garden by the Miette River

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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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NEW TRAIL PLANNED

It's not often Jasper National Park creates a new trail, but that's exactly what is planned in order to give visitors a look at Jasper House National Historic Site – at least from a distance.

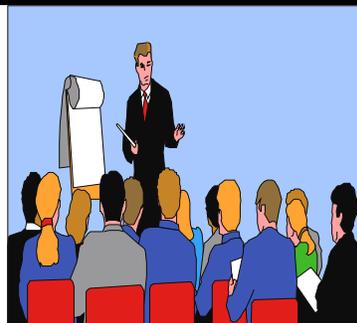
The trail will lead travellers from an existing parking area on Highway 16 just east of the Rocky River through the bush to a viewing platform on the edge of the Athabasca River. The trail will take only a few minutes to walk but Parks Canada hopes that the short distance will draw people out of their vehicles and give them a chance to learn a bit about the local history at the same time as they stretch their legs.

Interpretive panels are being prepared that will explain the role of Jasper House in the fur trade and will highlight some of the famous people who stopped there during its years of operation. Aboriginal stories are being collected so that their memories and perspective of the site can be communicated too. The existing Historic Sites and Monument Board of Canada plaque commemorating Jasper House will be moved from its current location at Disaster Point to the parking lot as well.

Signs along the highway will encourage westbound travellers to pull in and there will be an outhouse and a garbage container installed at the edge of the parking lot to encourage 'one stop shopping'. Unfortunately, due to highway regulations, the parking area will not be signed for eastbound travellers due to the danger of crossing the eastbound lane at that point.

One of the park's biggest challenges will be to ensure visitors aren't disappointed that there isn't any 'house' at Jasper House. Hopefully the panels and the wonderful sense of place one feels at the viewing platform will be reward enough.

Ken Walker
Cultural Resources Interpretation
Specialist



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Spring Outing 2009



PA 39-68 Group on the stairs at Pocahontas, Jasper National Park.

Mark Sunday, May 31 on your calendar. We are already planning the 2009 spring outing for Pocahontas. We hope to get the word out early to people who might want to share their Pocahontas memories and attend the outing. If you have information or photos to share please get hold of us at the museum .

Solstice Walk

Sunday December 21 is the longest night of the year and we'd like to make it a special one. We hope to create a solstice walk lined with ice candles along a section of the Discovery Trail between Cedar and Balsam. We're inviting everyone to purchase a candle for a friend, a loved one or just in support of the museum. If you would like to purchase a \$20 candle please fill in the form below and return it to the museum before December 15th. Thanks to Lee-Ann Mulvihill for this idea!

Solstice Walk Ice Candle

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Tag to say:

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."

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Report from the

Treasurer:

2009 Long Weekend

Book Sales:

\$3432.71

Bake Sale

\$1318.85

Super A Donations

\$1238.33



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Heritage Trees

Some of Jasper's heritage trees are covered in *Heritage Trees of Alberta*, a new book from the Heritage Tree Foundation. Many locals will remember swinging on Bryant's tree, although they might be surprised that the book states you can swing into the river! We have a few copies available in our gift shop.

THANKS

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up and running!

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Airplane Mystery

The museum staff would like to create an display to go with a model airplane recovered from the Yellowhead Pass area. The model was on top of a pole beside the railway line at the Alberta B.C. boundary. We think it might have been made by inmates of the Japanese internment camp that was close by. If you know more information about the airplane or have a picture of it, we would love to hear from you.



Museum Coffee Hour

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

October-April

Everyone welcome.





Collections



One of three National cash registers that were donated by Roy Everest of Totem Men's Wear. This one has four drawers and may date back to the F.A. Jackman store.

In the early days of the Rodeo Queen Contest in Jasper each of the contestants were given a beautiful pair of hand worked gloves. It was ca. 1926 when Dolly Sheppard competed in the contest and was given this lovely pair of gloves which were recently donated to the museum. They are thought to have been made by Mrs. Swift.



Looking for Stocking Stuffers?

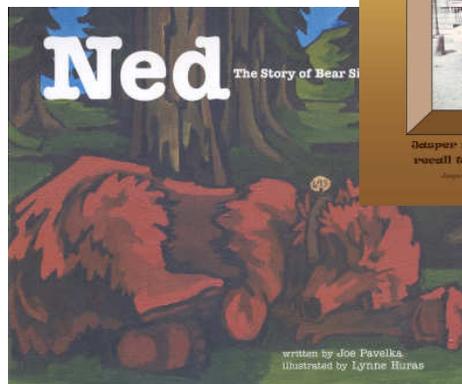
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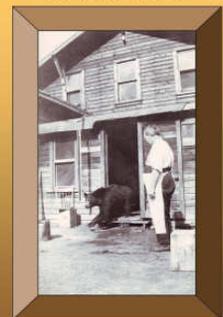
JYMA 001.33.143 Four bears in the CN

2009 Calendar

Bears of Jasper Calendar



Bears in the Alley: among other places



Jasper residents and visitors recall their lives with bears.
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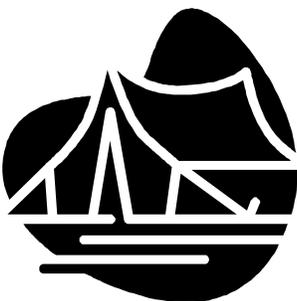
Gift Shop News

Autumn can often be a time of reflection and preparation for the coldest time of the year, and Christmas! Taking time to admire the beautiful place we live in, one can't help but be amazed at how an artist can capture a scene, a moment, an emotion in a painting or photograph. We are blessed to have so many talented artists here in our community. Now that the rush of summer has past, it might be time to think about investing in a painting, photograph or print.

Here in the Museum gift shop we have several works of art for sale that may inspire you, or take you back to a moment in time. Whether it was that moment gazing into the beautiful colors of a sunset lit Pyramid Mountain or admiring the silhouette of Mount Edith Cavell in early dawn on a crisp winter morning.

We are proud to have for sale paintings and prints by Leona Amann, Paul Bennett, and Alan Butler. Also for purchase, there are beautiful framed and unframed photographs and note cards by Ron Brown. Looking for something a little unique, how about beautifully handcrafted framed prints by Lou Lazarri or a Caring for Caribou poster! These local artists deserve our support, so if you have that one wall in your living room that looks just a little bare, stop by and have a look at what we have to offer.

Lucie Doucet
Gift Shop Manager



Looking for a tent for your outdoor event?
We have beautiful 10' x 15' tent you can rent.
Call the museum for more details.

Gallery Schedule 2008-09

Showcase Gallery

Whiskey Alpha Romeo
Nov 6-16th

Catalogue Shopping
&
Festival of Trees

November 27-December 19th
Be sure to make this event part of
your holiday
celebration.

Travels in Watercolours
with Sandy Robinson
January 9th-February 1st

Alberta Science Council
Science in a Crate
February & March
Hands on activities for students

Wildflowers
Erik Visser
April 10-May 10

The Alcove Gallery

Sandy Robinson
Pre Christmas Art Show & Sale
November 14-December 24

Jasper - Where Only the Bears
Hibernate
January-April



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 Winter Hours
 October-May
 10am to 5 pm
 Thursday-Sunday

Archives
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