



# The Jasper Signal

Jasper-Yellowhead  
Historical Society

Fall 2014

## Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society Fall Outing "Pugh's Market Garden"

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Photo courtesy of Jasper Yellowhead Museum & Archives

Sunday Oct 5, 2014

1 pm

Refreshments will be served.

Meet at confluence of Miette and Athabasca. Park in lot by entrance to Tekarra Lodge and cross bridge. Watch for signs.

Bring a chair & mug.

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### President's Review

#### *If Things Seem too Good to be True.....*

Well—we all know how this old saying plays out. I'm sad to report that this applies to an initiative I've reported to the Society and Board for some time. Supernet fibre optic connectivity...  
.dead. Sigh.



I'd like to recognize the cooperation and help of Mark Rosvold of Atco Power. As part of the easement arrangement a year ago to supply the new High School with power from the rear of our vacant lot, conduit was laid for us in the trench that went under the



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## Hello From the Manager

Back in the Mountains by Andy Klimach

When I was 5 years old my family moved from Sexsmith, Alberta to Prince George, B.C. This was the first time I remember coming through Jasper National Park. Needless to say, I was enthralled by the mountains, rivers, lakes and forests as we drove through the park, seeing cars pulled over to look at the animals. I remember thinking to myself that one day this is where I wanted to live.

Fast forward 25 years and that is exactly what happened; I became the manager of the Jasper Yellowhead Museum & Archives. In the time between my first encounter with Jasper and moving here, I would visit Jasper as often as I could and have considerable memories and life events associated with this place. And what a place Jasper is! For many, living here is akin to winning the lottery and there is a popular saying amongst Jasper residents of how living here is better than the tourists' vacation.

Having also lived in Grande Prairie, Grande Cache, Prince George, Kitimat, Terrace, and most recently Burnaby—I can attest to just how spectacular Jasper is. However, in my first 3 months as manager, I can also say there is much more to Jasper than what first meets the eye.

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## A Few Appeals . . .

Members—if you're not already doing so, please consider arranging with Andy for you to receive your Signal electronically. The cost of mail-outs can be avoided if you provide your email address and make this request . . . . And/or . . . .

Another way you can help make a difference is by considering volunteering as a Board Member, or if you prefer to focus on a particular area of interest, volunteering for a Committee. Two important ones currently being mobilized are Personnel and Community Liaison. Let a Board member know of your interest or drop us a line at [board@jaspermuseum.com](mailto:board@jaspermuseum.com).....

Finally.....

Do you have an old, small TV, ideally with a DVD component? Our permanent Gallery is in need of one. Please contact Val Delill if you can help!



## Hot Diggy Dog - Update!

Update on the Museum's famous hotdog cart. The cart which was purchased back in April with the idea that it would be used to raise much needed funds year after year for the Museum! And so far that idea has worked, as of July the cart was paid for and is now making a profit.

It took some time and leg work to get all the permits & licenses in place. And then it took a little more time learn how the cart worked, how many supplies to order, the best hotdog and buns, and in general to get it all down to a well oiled hotdog cart. The first event was Aboriginal Day and then Canada Day. It was at the Farmer's Market every Wednesday, we sold out each time. It must have been the fried onions which drew the crowds. In October it will be part of the Dark Sky Festival.



Thank you to:

Cesar Argueta (Yellowhead Refrigeration) who donated his time and the parts to upgrade the water pump system. Sheila Couture, Tamar Couture, Karen Reed, Sandra Naffin, Jack Templeton, Shelley MacQueen and Fred MacMillan for volunteering to run the cart at the Farmer's Market. Val Delill for making the posters and postings on Face Book. Lee Chorley (Rocky Mountain Roaster's) for donating the coffee, cups and beverage containers. And to the United Church (Wayne and Janice Kennedy) for allowing the cart to be on their property.

We need more volunteers to help out with running the cart. The people running the cart, serving food, need to have food safety course, and with being in the Farmer's Market also the Farmer's Market Food Course. The courses are free and quite simple. The cash person doesn't need to take any courses, just comfortable with handling money & multi tasking. If interested please contact Anna Marie Couture at [board@jaspermuseum.org](mailto:board@jaspermuseum.org). or 780-852-2292.

### Thank -You!

Have you noticed the new directional signs for the Museum that are placed around the town?? We've noticed that they are making a difference and wanted to thank Bruce Thompson and his colleagues at the Municipality of Jasper who have brought this about.

Thanks for your efforts on our behalf! We appreciate it very much!

Staff & Board





## Tribute to a Community Supporter

Mary Hilworth – 1934 – 2014

Mary was born in Masset on Haida Gwaii on Sept. 22, 1934. She and her family moved to Vanderhoof, BC in 1941, where she spent 11 years before moving to Blue River, BC at the age of 18.

Arvon and Mary Carpenter met in Blue River in 1953 where Mary was employed as a waitress in the "Beamery". Mary worked at Beanery in Jasper until 1954. Mary and Arvon were married in 1954 and in due course came David in 1956, John in 1957, Susan in 1959 (deceased), Gary in 1960 and Patricia in 1962. David, John, Gary and Patti received their education in the Jasper school system. During their growing up years they were all active at one time or another in Minor Sports – particularly hockey, Scouts and Brownies. Mary and Arvon were involved also as leaders and coaches.

Previous homes were upstairs of the log house at 217 Bonhomme Street, basement of 106 Patricia Street and a little white house at 319 Geikie Street. They moved into 100 Patricia Street in 1960 as renters and bought it a couple years later.

Mary was greatly involved in the Canadian Daughters, Girl Guides and Scouts, curling, hiking, gardening and watching her children and grandchildren in all of their various activities. She was president of the Seniors Society in later years and active throughout her life in all aspects of the community.

Arvon retired from CNR in 1985. He and Mary continue to make their home in Jasper, where they pursue their many hobbies. Jasper will always be the place that the Hilworths call home. The mountain welcomed each of them as they arrived and will be the tether that holds them or pulls them for a visit for many years to come.

Mary is survived by her husband Arvon, her children; David(Laura), John(Verna), Gary(Tamar) and Patricia(Mark), her grandchildren Danielle, Robin, Jacob, Hannah, McKinley, Rikkilee, Jack, Hayden, Cooper and Nash and her great grandchildren McKenzie and Saxon. Mary is also survived by her sister Rosalie (Walter) and her brother Bill (Louise) and many nieces, nephews and cousins near and far.



## Lifetime Membership

At the AGM on April 15<sup>th</sup>, a motion was put forth to the membership as a recommendation on behalf of the board regarding a new Life time Membership.

- ◆ Lifetime Membership would be \$500 per person with a tax receipt of \$500. This motion was carried.
- ◆ 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 would 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 Shelley MacQueen via e-mail at [shel29@shaw.ca](mailto:shel29@shaw.ca) or at 780-852-5949.



## Winter Coffee Hours

Our coffee hours have become an overwhelming success with many new faces participating and adding to the stimulating mix. When we start up in the fall we'd like to invite the community to become guest presenters. If you have a topic you'd like to share, please contact [manager@jaspermuseum.org](mailto:manager@jaspermuseum.org) and we will put you on the calendar.

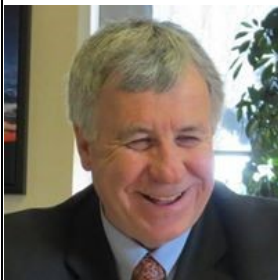
Coffee hours run each Tuesday morning at 10:30 from November–March

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road to the school. Murdock Bowen of Jasper Construction was contracted to do the trenching, and he was prepared to donate any further trenching that we would require.



Conversations with various stakeholders, including at the ministerial level of several government departments appeared to be bearing fruit. Grande Yellowhead and Clark Builders supported the concept, as further trenching would have been necessary to connect to the fibre optic backbone under the path by the school playground south east of the new school. Axia, the operators of the Supernet fibre optic network, sent a technician to look over our site and consider logistics of hook-up. Axia was going to supply the cable and connectivity in exchange for publicity and other considerations.



Well.....after some quiet inactivity, we discovered that the gentleman with whom we were dealing was



no longer an employee, and it turns out his supervisors had been unaware of commitments he was discussing. An appeal to Service Alberta, the owner of the network, made through our MLA Robin Campbell, produced sympathy but they had no control over the decisions of a private business. Representatives did commit to assisting the JYHS in helping the initiative in some other ways....

So . . . lessons learned, hopefully. And as well, we do have the offer of expertise from Service Alberta to still move forward on the technology front. Stay tuned!

Herb Robinson,  
President





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In my first 3 months as manager, I have been humbled to work with such passionate and caring individuals who give selflessly of their time and energy to make the museum work, and celebrate Jasper's unique history. The staff and volunteers radiate support and enthusiasm. It has been this kind of support and enthusiasm which has repaired a leaky roof, fixed other much needed repairs, hosted successful historical outings and hikes, transformed the front garden, put up a bat house (generating a high amount of interest for bat conservation from the public), endless fundraising, and assisted in caring for the archives and collections.

Likewise, despite spending the summer surrounded by a construction zone, we have received many visitors from all over the world. Among them were former senator and general Romeo Dallaire, judges for the Communities In Bloom competition, and many others. And what do they have to say about our museum? While the Jasper Yellowhead Museum & Archives may be small, with an aging building and facing other challenges, many visitors come here and are in complete awe of what we have to offer. They notice the heart of this institution. They notice the care and sincere friendliness that comes from the community. And they notice our connection to and the showcasing of this area's incredible past.

For example, in July I assisted a gentleman from Victoria research his long deceased relatives who used to live and work in Pochontas. Within minutes our archives found him the exact information he was looking for, and as he spent the next 2 hours looking through old photographs of his relatives and read their hand written letters, he noticeably held back tears on more than one occasion. For him the connection he achieved could not be found elsewhere, and he generously thanked us in return. We also currently have a Ph.D student from the University of British Columbia looking to do research here over the next year. He described us as a "goldmine" of information.

In conclusion, my first 3 months at the museum have been spectacular. Not only have I reconnected with friends old and new, but I have felt the warmth of this community and its commitment to the museum. And now as the summer wanes, I look forward to the coming months and years ahead. This place tells stories, and it's the passion of hardworking people which keep these stories alive. Jasper is a small town with a seemingly never ending stream of newcomers, though it is full of passionate people, and I am confident that with the team spirit and giving nature of the community, the Jasper Yellowhead Museum & Archives will continue to thrive and meet its challenges in the time ahead. I thank you all for the support I have received and the opportunity to stand outside this small, but hard hitting museum, and finally call Jasper home.



## 22nd Annual Great Duck Race

Proceeds to go to the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society & Right to Read Society.

Tickets: \$5 each available from Museum Board Members

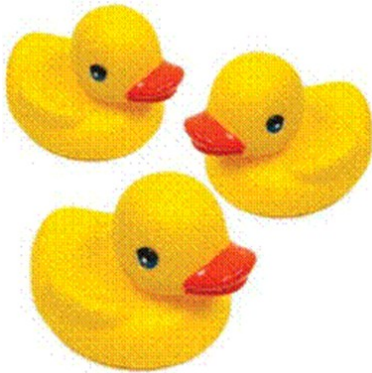
Duck Race is on Sunday, September 28th at 1:00pm at the Miette River

### Prizes:

1st Prize -  
\$1000

2nd Prize -  
\$300

3rd Prize -  
\$200



## Board of the JYHS

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\*\* One Director seat vacant

## STASH of CASH UPDATE

You have very generously donated your pennies & coins to the Jasper Yellowhead Museum - **\$4,409.29** worth!

YES, we are accepting donations of nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies & toonies. If you have a container of coins, loose or rolled and don't know what to do with them donate them to the Jasper Yellowhead Museum. The Museum can put them to good use.

Drop them off at the Museum or call Sheila Couture 780-852-4949 for pick-up.

## TWINS IN JASPER

Outreach Exhibit Museum Display Case

Jasper Activity Centre Lobby

September - November 2014

Inquiries about being included in the Exhibit:

Sheila Couture 780-852-4949



## Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives

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

[www.jaspermuseum.org](http://www.jaspermuseum.org)

### Winter Hours :

#### Museum

10 am to 5 pm Thur–Sun

#### Archives

Wednesdays

10–5 pm

Please phone for appointment

780-852-3240 archives

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### Showcase Gallery

May 4-30 **Just Jasper** - Lake Edith Artist Guild show and sale  
A biannual event where the Lake Edith guild showcases its talent.  
Artist reception May 18, 3-5 pm

### June-September **Jasper Artists Guild**

We are happy to provide a venue for Jasper's talented artists until they settle in their new home.

### Oct 10-Nov 16 **Great War Centennial Commemoration**

100 years ago the Great War began and, even though all our veterans from WW1 are gone, we will not forget their sacrifice.

### Alcove Gallery

#### Apr 14- June 15 **Jasper Elementary School Exhibit**

The Jasper Elementary School opens its first exhibit at the museum in celebration of the Jasper school centenary.

#### June 14 - Sept 28 **From Boulder Bungalow to Information Centre: 100 years of service**

A natural meeting place for residents and visitors everyone has memories of the "Boulders" as it was called in the earliest days of Jasper. Visit the museum as we share stories and facts so you may learn more about the building's history.

#### Sept 11 - Jan 5 2015 **Jasper Dark Skies**

Jasper is the second largest dark sky preserve in the world. Come see why this is an important designation for Jasper National Park, it's not just for sky watchers!

### Activity Centre Displays

#### Jasper's Churches

April - August 2014

#### Twins

September - November 2014