



## Media Advisory

### MSA MUSEUM SOCIETY TO HONOUR AREA PIONEERS

**What: Pioneer Tea**

**Who: MSA Museum Society**

**When: August 30, 2015 from 2pm – 4pm**

**Where: Trethewey House Heritage Site – 2313 Ware Street, Abbotsford**

On Sunday, August 30 from 2pm to 4pm at the Trethewey House Heritage site the MSA Museum Society will acknowledge and honour pioneers who have settled in Abbotsford prior to 1950. Light refreshments will be served and there will be time for the sharing of photos and stories of times past.

Kelly Railton, Executive Director of the MSA Museum Society says “I am so glad that Trethewey House is able to host this event once again this year. Any city is only as strong and vibrant as its people and I am humbled by the contributions of those who built and who continue to build Abbotsford.”

Local Dignitaries will be in attendance and will take part in the proceedings. Long-time resident of South Poplar, Helen Singer will present picture boards and speak about growing up in the area. The popular Ernie Poignant will present his unique sketches and stories. Last year more than 70 long time pioneer families were honoured; some of whom settled in the Valley as long ago as the 1870’s.

Many of the families to be honoured are featured in the MSA Museum’s book *Pioneer Stories*. This as well as the Museum’s other publications including their newest book *Abbotsford, from Village to City: A Commitment of Excellence and Innovation* will be available for purchase at the event and afterwards in the Museum office as well as online at [www.msamuseum.ca](http://www.msamuseum.ca).

There will be activities and games for children, door prizes and much more.

Please contact the Museum office to RSVP if you settled in the Matsqui, Sumas, Abbotsford area prior to 1950.

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