



E-NEWS

WINTER 2017



GVMA #7979

At this time of year, we often start reminiscing and looking back over the past year. And what a busy twelve months it has been! We are so very thankful for our volunteers who give so willingly of their time and expertise, to our board members who work behind the scenes to make sure the museum runs smoothly, to our hardworking staff of seven, plus our wonderful Archives intern, and to all of our visitors from near and far.

Just some of the changes that took place this year include:

- the museum became a non-profit society
- we hired two Museum Assistant summer students Meagan & Paris (plus Paula, a YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange Program participant)
- hired Christie, our Archives intern
- the creation of a new open area within the museum
- the addition of four new exhibits (Famous Figures: 125 Years of Vernon, A Tatting Tale, Sveva & her life, and Gold Mountain Dream!)
- a drastic increase in the number of community events we participated in
- we spearheaded the Culture Crush (a Business After Five style event for cultural groups)
- hosted the Multicultural Block Party (a Canada 150 event)
- installed new to us rolling shelving in the Archives
- saw a significant increase in the number of school groups coming to the museum
- we were accepted into the REORG program (an internationally recognized training initiative designed to maximize and enhance artifact storage in small museums)
- involved in implementing the Greater Vernon Cultural Plan and in the planning for a future purpose-built cultural facility
- new marketing materials: the creation of four InSpot Museum banners, a *Then & Now Brochure: A Self-Guided Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Vernon*, facebook advertising and the opening of a Snapchat account

2017 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

As I started jotting down the events, programs and exhibits we participated in this year, I was amazed at just how much we accomplished. I thought you might be interested to see what we've been up to over the past twelve months too.

2017 - A YEAR IN REVIEW CONT.

4 NEW EXHIBITS, NUMEROUS SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS & SCHOOL VISITS, & THE CULTURE CRUSH

KIDS SERIES

- Sweetheart Dance for Grandparents & Grandchildren (Winter Carnival Event)
- The History of my City: Children's Edition
- The Silver Lining Children's Presentation & Book Signing
- Reptiles! with Stuart Brown
- Halloween Family Magic Show

SPEAKER SERIES

- Soldiers & Settlers: Early History of the Canadian Militia in the Okanagan Valley

- Adventure Photography: How to create better Adventure Photographs
- Canadian First World War Photography

FIELD SCHOOL

- A Morning with an Inventor
- Scythe Demonstration & Discussion
- Dogbane "Indian Hemp" Rope Making Workshop (also a Culture Days event)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Taaloo Zorouna: Visits with our Syrian Neighbours Film Viewing & Discussion (DVA Cultural Crawl)
- Harry; A Wilderness Dog Saga Talk & Slide Show
- Multicultural Block Party
- Ghost Tours of Vernon
- Downtown Vernon Mural Tours
- Christmas High Tea
- Celebration of Lights: A Hanukkah Celebration
- Great Blue Heron Presentation & Book Signing

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- History Trivia Night (Winter Carnival Event)
- Grandma's Toy Box (Unplug & Play Event)
- Mural & History Respect Tour (Respect FEST Event)
- Behind the Scenes Archives Tour (Respect FEST Event)
- Sveva Exhibition & Film Viewing (SvevaFEST Event)
- History & Mural Tour for Queen Silver Star Candidates
- Sunshine Festival
- O'Keefe Ranch Family Day
- Children's Water Festival
- Shoparama
- Vernon Farmers Market
- SD#22 Book Club
- Partnered with Vernon Tourism on a Winter Carnival Parade Float
- Seedy Saturday
- Judged the Heritage Fair participants (Optimist Club Event)
- Ford Drive 4 UR School (Beairsto School)
- O'Keefe Ranch Family Fun Day
- Children's Water Festival
- Multicultural Celebration (DVA's RespectFEST Event)
- Gold Mountain Dream! Member Opening

FULFILL YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS AND HELP MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

Want to make a difference in your own community? Fed up with negativity and want to be part of something positive? Got great skills but too much time on your hands? Come join the Greater Vernon Museum and Archives (GVMA) Board of Directors for our most exciting year ever!

The upcoming year is an exciting one for the GVMA because we will be campaigning for a new multicultural facility to help bring our local stories to life and celebrate our living history and community arts. We are looking for energized Board Members to help lead us into our next fifty years. Marketing, Fundraising, HR and Community Visionaries are wanted!

For the past fifty years the Vernon Museum has occupied the same facility which it is now bursting at the seams and is overflowing. In order to provide quality, modern, and diverse displays, as well as programming for adults and the thousands of school children who come through the museum every year, we need an active Board to lead this charge for a new, larger, more adaptable, space.

The Greater Vernon Museum and Archives is a registered non-profit society charged with maintaining the Regional District's artifact and archives collections as well as celebrating the story of the North Okanagan for current citizens and future generations. Come be a part of this lasting legacy!

If you have these skills and want to help build a foundation for an active, informed and engaged community please contact GVMA Director Tracy Satin at 250-542-3142 or tracy.satin@vernonmuseum.ca.

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Poinsettia. The adoption of the poinsettia as the Christmas flower is relatively recent, dating from 1828.

Native to Mexico, the plant has small yellow flowers surrounded high up by a large, tapering red leaves, which resemble petals and are often mistaken for them. At least as early as the eighteenth century, Mexicans called the plant "flower of the blessed night," because of its resemblance to the star of Bethlehem. This is the first association between the plant and Christmas.

In 1828, Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States ambassador to Mexico, brought the plant into the States, where it was renamed in his honour. By the time of his death in 1851, the poinsettia's flaming red colour had already established its Christmas association.

Source: Panati's Extraordinary Origin of Everyday Things

From the December 1999 newsletter

Wow! Look what \$1.00 a plate got you for a "Real Christmas Dinner" back in December of 1925 at the Kalamalka Hotel.

Kalamalka Hotel

A Real Christmas Dinner
without the trouble of
cooking at home ∞

Menu

Caviar on Toast Salted Almonds
Eastern Raw Oysters and Sliced Lemon
Oysters on the Half Shell

SOUP

Bisque of Chicken Consomme a la Royal

FISH

Baked Stuffed Salmon in Tomatoes
Boiled Halibut, Parsley Sauce

SALADS

Queen Olives Celery Stuffed Olives
Lobster and Mayonnaise

ENTREES

Banana Fritters and Vanilla Sauce
Pineapple Compote and Rice Shrimp Patties
Breaded Sweet Breads and Fried Bacon

ROASTS

Stuffed Young Turkey and Cranberry Sauce
Loin of Pork and Chutney Sauce Tame Goose, Apple Sauce
Tame Duck and Apple Jelly
Suckling Pig and Currant Jelly
Sirloin of Beef and Horseradish, Spring Capon and Dressing
Leg of Mutton and Mint Sauce
Guinea Chicken and Country Gravy

BOILED

Ox Tongue and Mushroom Ketchup
Sugar Cured Ham and Champagne Sauce

VEGETABLES

Boiled Potatoes Creamed-Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas Asparagus Tips and Cream Sauce

SWEETS

Deep Apple Pie and Whipped Cream Hot Mince Pie
English Plum Pudding and Brandy Sauce
Lemon Snow Pudding and Custard Sauce
Marmalade Turnovers Strawberry Jam Tarts
Raspberry Jelly and Whipped Cream
Orange Ice Cream and Walnut Cake

Mixed Nuts Christmas Cake Fruits Mixed Candies
Coffee Cheese Tea Pickles Cocoa Milk

Price \$1.00 a plate

Hours from 6 to 8 p.m.

Please make your reservations early

Phone 24

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

A great gift idea for those people on your list who have everything!



Thank You for Your Support!

The primary objective of the **Greater Vernon Museum and Archives** is to educate community members, researchers and visitors, in an interesting and dynamic way, on the varied history and heritage of the Greater Vernon area. Artifact and archival collections are strategically assembled to accurately, and authentically, reflect the activities, interests and vibrancy of the people and natural history of the region. We pride ourselves in serving the interests of all our local and surrounding communities, and those visiting, by carrying out these functions in a manner that is enlightening and innovative, while maintaining highest museum standards.

We Are Happy To Offer The Following Membership Benefits!

• Special Invitation to Exhibition Openings	• 15% Discount on Events and Programs
• 20% Discount at Museum Gift Shop (excluding Books and Consignment Items)	• Priority Registration for Events and Programs
• 15% Discount on Archival Research Services	• Museum Newsletter
• 15% Discount on Digital Archival Photographs	• Member-only emails with advance notice of exhibitions, programs, events, and special offers

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<input type="checkbox"/> Archives Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Okanagan Landing Station Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame

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Are you interested in Volunteering? If so, let us know!

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RECENT EVENTS

CANADIAN FIRST WORLD WAR PHOTOGRAPHY PRESENTATION

A full house braved the snowy roads to come see Carla-Jean Strokes' presentation on Canadian First World War Photography November 9th. Carla-Jean's passion and knowledge shone throughout her presentation, and we received nothing but positive comments following her talk. We're looking forward to having her back again next year!



SHOPARAMA HOLIDAY GIFT SALE



The Gift Shop had a very successful two days at Shoparama Holiday Gift Sale selling a wide variety of items and meeting lots of Vernonites. Even the Queen Silver Star candidates loved our flipbooks.

CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA



Yet another sold out superb High Tea thanks to all the planning and hard work of Jean Manifold and Cathy Shultz! Thank you to all of our helpers throughout the event, including Joanne, Jesslyn, Gabe, Doug, Gilda, Hylda and Denise.



And of course we could not forget our wonderful entertainers, Sally Evans & Molly Boyd for leading the Christmas sing-alongs and all the businesses who donated door prizes. If you'd like to hear a few of the songs find the videos on our facebook page.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: A HANUKKAH CELEBRATION



What an amazing evening put on by Rabbi Shmuly Hecht, Fraidy Hecht and Chabad Okanagan. One hundred and fifteen people crammed into the museum for a fun, festive event full of music, crafts, food, and the lighting of a 6 foot menorah. Again if you'd like to see more photos or videos from the event, please see our facebook page. Watch for more multicultural celebrations in the future!

GREAT BLUE HERON PRESENTATION & BOOK SIGNING



Another large crowd came out to hear Rita Bos speak about the Great Blue Heron that are nestled between Wal-Mart, residential complexes and industrial businesses in Vernon, where over fifty Great Blue Heron nests sit high atop the cottonwood trees.

As a tribute to Jan Bos, Rita's late husband and his passion for these majestic birds Rita and Susan Larson pooled their photographs to create a beautiful pictorial fact paperback book about the Great Blue Heron at Vernon Heronry, along with some Esquimalt Lagoon relatives (smaller Great Blues). All proceeds from the sale of the paperback will go to the continued efforts of The Vernon Heronry Protection Society. Books are now on sale in the gift shop for \$18.00.

Looking to impress your guests this holiday season? Give this recipe a try...it's sure to be a special treat!

From the Winter 1987 newsletter

❖ Recipe from Mrs. Beeton's "All About Cooking" ❖

1909

Brown Bread and Chestnut Pudding

Ingredients

1/2 lb. chestnuts
1/2 lb. brown bread, crumbled
1/4 lb. sultanas
1/4 lb. brown sugar
2 oz. butter
1/2 pint milk
2 eggs
1 tbsp. blanched and chopped almonds



THEY MADE CORN-BALLS.

Method

Clean and pick the sultanas, rub the brown bread through a wire sieve; bake or roast the chestnuts for about 20 minutes, remove both skins, put them into a saucepan with the milk, simmer until tender, then beat well, and add the butter and sugar. Mix the crumbled brown bread, sultanas, and almonds together, add the chestnut puree, the eggs, previously beaten, and mix well. Pour into a buttered mould or basin, and steam for 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

Time - about four hours.

Average Cost - 10 pennies to one shilling.

Sufficient - for six to eight persons.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SPEAKER SERIES: WHAT DO I DO WITH...? PANEL DISCUSSION



Are you downsizing? Are you decluttering? Have you inherited family items but have no room? Do you want to find an appreciative home for your family objects? We're bringing together our museum registrar and archivist, an antique dealer and a lawyer in a panel discussion called "What do I do with...?" on January 13th 2:00-3:30pm to discuss your options. Cost is \$5.00 at the door to attend. Space is limited so please call 250-542-3142 to reserve your spot.

CHINESE GAMES NIGHT

Join us for an evening of games! Mahjong, Go, and Chinese Chess (Xiangqi) await you. Don't know how to play? Don't worry...we'll have some experienced players on hand to demonstrate and teach you the basics. This event will likely take place Sunday January 21st from 2:00pm-4:00pm, but we will let you know once all the details have been confirmed. While you're at the museum, don't forget to check out the Gold Mountain Dream! exhibit about the Chinese Gold Rush in BC.



FIELD SCHOOL: HOW TO SET-UP YOUR TURN TABLE



Not sure how to set-up that old turn table you found in the basement or attic? Have a new or new to you record player but just don't know how to get that perfect sound? Join the experts at Spinners Sound Centre as they go over the basics of setting up your turn table.

Tickets are \$10/person, available at the Vernon Museum prior to the event only. Tickets will be available to purchase after January 9th.

Date: Saturday January 27th from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

HISTORY TRIVIA NIGHT



Does your team have what it takes to beat the reigning History Trivia champions? Last year the Trivials won the prestigious first place medals. Get your team of six together, brush up on your local and Canadian trivia and enjoy an evening of fun, camaraderie, and food!

Friday February 2nd, 2018 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Tickets are on sale now at the Vernon Winter Carnival office for \$20/person. Tickets will not be sold at the museum. Don't delay...only have room for eight teams.



GRANDPARENT & GRANDCHILD DANCE

Sunday February 11th, 2018

10:30am - 12:00pm - Dance for kids 6 years and under

1:00pm - 2:30pm - Dance for kids 7-12 years

Put on your Sunday best and bring your dancing shoes to move to the music of Kiki the Love Fairy. New this year, one digital image included in your ticket price of you and your grandchild(ren) by photographer Camillia Courts.

Tickets are on sale now at the Vernon Winter Carnival office for \$10/person. Tickets will not be sold at the museum.



CHINESE NEW YEAR'S



To wrap up the Gold Mountain Dream! travelling exhibit the museum will play host to a Chinese New Year's celebration near the end of February. Watch our facebook page and website for more details in the future.

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy Holiday season!*

Looking forward to seeing you in the new year!



*From all of us at the
Vernon Museum*

HOLIDAY HOURS:

- Open regular hours until Friday December 22nd
- Closed December 23rd until January 1st, 2018
- Re-opening on Tuesday January 2nd, 2018

From the Winter 1988 newsletter

Many thanks to the following contributors for their continued support of the Vernon Museum and its In-Spot Museums.

