

AUDREY VIKEN UE

Audrey Viken UE joined the Vancouver Branch UELAC in 1999 and shortly thereafter proved her lineage to her loyalist ancestor, Capt. John Walden Myers. Audrey is married to Dr. Paul Viken and lives in West Vancouver, British Columbia. Not only is she a constant in our branch activities but a keen and avid birder, nature lover and entrepreneurial craftsperson extraordinaire. In 1999 Audrey received the Kaye & Charles Ney Award for outstanding work with the Vancouver Nature Society. She was particularly active with the bus nature trips that were organized over western Canada and the USA. Audrey can also be found at regular British Columbia Genealogical Society meetings and has worked as a volunteer within this organization as well. One of the greatest achievements was to help transcribe the 1901 Census for the BCGS.



Audrey held the Treasurer's office for the UELAC Vancouver Branch Executive for a number of years. Her work and abilities have made the operation of our branch more efficient. Her other endeavours have been towards our Outreach & Education committee. Since 1999, Audrey has been involved in practically every event we have participated. Events which we provide education through our displays and presentations such as: Simon Fraser Days (Multicultural Event), BC Highland Games, Tri-Stakes Seminars, Genealogy Outreach, Remembrance Day Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Fur Brigade Days, Christmas Socials, and at all Spring and Fall Fleets usually in the capacity as Co-Registrar for these yearly events. In 2010 Audrey served as co-registrar for the Annual UELAC National Conference held in Vernon which was hosted by the Pacific Regional Branches.

Audrey has been one of our main proactive Stewards of our Outreach & Education display materials; not only storing them in her home, but always mending, repairing and making sure all materials and display boards are in-tack and ready to be used. She even has taken two of our tall display towers (floor models) and adjusted them so that they can be used as indoor table models as well. Give that woman a hammer and an idea and viola! She is also one of our main

transportation persons who make sure that whatever event we are attending that the materials are delivered. She has been setting-up and striking-down our displays for many years now.

Audrey likes working in the background, but is always there to lend a helping hand. When the library was relocated to two different places over the past 10 years, Audrey was there. Not only did she help pack up our library, but updated our entire library database catalogue. Along with doing this, she has developed a database of ALL members from all branches across Canada who has obtained their “UE” certificate, noting the names of the members, the loyalist, where the loyalist came from and where they settled. This database is used by our Outreach & Education and offers the general public a chance to verify if their possible loyalist ancestor has been already proven.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that we nominate Audrey Viken UE for the Phillip E. M. Leith Memorial Award this year.

SIGNED: Carl Stymiest UE, Mary Anne Bethune UE, Gwen Dumfries UE, Lynda Nygard UE, Warren Bell UE, Marvin Millis UE, Diane Faris UE.....February 28, 2011