

**Phillip E. M. Leith Memorial Award presentation**

**Betty Compeer**

Victoria Branch AGM online via Zoom.

Saturday November 20, 2021

Good morning,

I am Christine Manzer, past president of the Vancouver Branch, an additional member of the Victoria Branch and your Pacific Region Councillor on the UELAC Board of Directors.

It is my pleasure to say a few words about one of our 2021 Leith Award winners.

Congratulations to **Betty Compeer UE** of the **Victoria Branch**.

Betty is a one who always looks for opportunities to highlight and profile the UEL. She is truly honoured to be a member of our historical organization. She is innovative and perseveres in identifying and coordinating speakers while incorporating the interests of the Victoria Branch members.

Betty uses her strong organizational ability and her innovated creative and skills in so many ways... often sewing decorative table materials to reflect the colours of Canada and the UEL.

Betty's enthusiasm adds so much to all Loyalist gatherings. The key to the growth of all branches of the UELAC is enthusiasm.

There is no greater example of enthusiasm for our Loyalist story than the total involvement of a spouse who does not actually have a Loyalist ancestor. Betty is a strong reason why we have honoured Frans today.

Her enthusiasm has inspired him to take on the strong roles and responsibilities that have benefited the Victoria Branch and the Pacific Region sponsored conference in 2015 and upcoming in 2023. We often see Frans at events in period correct clothing constructed and skilfully sewn by Betty.

Betty is generous in her interactions with others, giving of her time, and recognizing and acknowledging the contributions of others.

Betty, I am delighted to call you a friend and to be able to share my thoughts today as you accept the Phillip E. M. Leith Memorial Award as recommended by the UEL Vancouver Branch Leith Award Committee.