

Phillip E M Leith Memorial  
Nomination for: Carole Lefler UE

In 2016, I met Carole Lefler at an Abbotsford Genealogy event where Chilliwack Branch had set up a UEL table in the exhibition area. We talked about a possible Loyalist in her family. Then when exchanging maiden names we realized that we had gone to school together and graduated from Lord Tweedsmuir High School in Cloverdale, BC.

In 2017, Carole joined our branch and we proceeded to discover and prove her Loyalist Ancestor. By November of 2017, Carole received her Loyalist certificate.

It was also in 2017 that Carole designed and made a lap quilt for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada. She donated one to our branch which was proudly displayed on our podium at various meetings. And then later gifted to our local MP who did a special presentation for us at a branch meeting. He immediately put it on the wall in his conference room at his local office. A recent visit in March 2025, shows it still hanging there in pride of place.

Carole immediately offered to be a director and learn how things operated. She was there for meetings, presentations and wanted to put her skills to better use.

She helped at various meetings and acted as a driver on occasion.

She suggested a fund raiser, Chaired the committee and then designed a special quilt to be raffled off. In the spring of 2020, we started to advertise and sell tickets. Carole supervised getting the licence, the ticket printing, the venues for sales and the draw date would be July 22, 2020. Needless to say, Covid put a big dent in things. We were allowed to extent the draw date to December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and Carole was creative in ensuring ticket sales continued, but on a much smaller scale. She even initiated ticket sales to the local Chilliwack Quilters Guild. While the net profit was below what we wanted, we still made over \$650 for the effort.

Another fund raiser Carole spearheaded raised over \$400 for us.

Carole was part of the committee organizing the 2023 National Conference held in Richmond, BC. She helped with the Raffle draw soliciting items for the raffle and then helping with sales and distribution to the winners on the final day.

She is always there to help. Rarely idle and so appreciated.

We are proud to nominate Carole for the Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Volunteer Award for 2025.