

UELAC Vancouver Branch in the St Patrick's Day parade – March 20, 2011

With an interim of one year – on account of 2010 Olympics security concerns - our UELAC Vancouver branch participated once again in the Annual St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Vancouver. Our participation in this parade is a part of Vancouver branch's Outreach and Education program.

This year we were fortunate to be positioned right behind a contingent of the 78th Fraser Highlanders' Regiment, which bears the same flag (the 'George') as our UEL flag. In tandem with us were members of the British Columbia Genealogical Society – appropriately so, since a number of our UELAC Vancouver branch members also hold memberships with that group.

When on the march, some of our members distributed Loyalist information handouts to the parade watchers. Even some of our young members distributed a "colouring page" handout to children watching the parade.

Noticeably, several in the crowd took photos of us as we passed.

More Outreach and Education events are planned for May-June-July.



Photo 1 - Banner Carriers: Linda Drake UE (l); Gwen Dumfries (c) and Donna Little (r); note also our young participants!



Photo 2 – Our position behind the 78th Fraser Highlanders Regiment.



Photo 3 – UELAC Vancouver branch Flag bearers: Mary Anne Bethune UE (l); Carl Stymiest UE (c); Marvin Millis UE (r).

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