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# Link Up



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## A Message from our Branch President

Having just attended a 2015 Conference Planning Meeting September 22, 2013 at the home of Liz Aberdeen UE, Victoria Branch President, I thought I would begin my message with this event. This is our second planning meeting in Victoria where committee members of the Chilliwack, Vancouver and Victoria Branches have met to discuss and pursue the myriad of details that need to be attended to in preparation for the Dominion-wide Conference – “Loyalists Come West”. Margaret Strocel and I represented your Chilliwack Branch at this meeting.

Dave Clark UE, Vice President of the Victoria Branch, is doing a yeoman job of pursuing these tasks. Consequently, a large portion of the major concerns are already in place and venues booked. We are well ahead of schedule and in the process of fine-tuning the details. Please start planning now to attend. It is so “close to home”.

Assistant Genealogist Marlene Dance UE has been spending an enormous number of hours on the Genealogy and Certificate application requests. In addition to these, we receive innumerable inquiries via e-mail. Remember, these are all volunteer hours, and the time and tasks involved are truly daunting. In order to sort these out, we must require folks to become a member of our Branch before we can justify proceeding with Genealogy assistance. Besides the genealogy portion of our Branch activities, there are numerous other jobs to attend to. It would be most helpful if some of our members would consider joining our executive. We are all stewards of our Canadian History, especially of our own Loyalist History.

If we do not do our part to preserve and pass on our heritage - who will?

Due to family commitments, I was unable to attend the Loyalist “picnic under the big tree” on the Monday of the Fort Langley Fur Brigade Days. However, if you turn to the last page of this Link Up, you will see the day illustrated in delightful pictures. I would encourage more of our members to participate in this most interesting and fun event.

Due to a conflict in scheduling at our meeting place - Carman United Church, you will note that our Fall Event is later this year. Now on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have invited guest speaker Warren Bell UE.

See page 3 for the details.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada comes up next year in 2014.

Have you an idea on how we might celebrate this centennial?

Please contact me or one of our executive with your suggestions.

See you on November 2nd.

Loyally yours, Shirley Dargatz UE



**United Empire  
Loyalists' Association  
of Canada**

**Chilliwack Branch**

Your Executive 2013

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

Vice Pres: Marlene Dance UE

Secretary: Gordon Vance UE

Treasurer: Judy Scholz UE

Genealogist: Mildred Hall UE  
Asst. Marlene Dance UE

Social Convener: Jan Ouellet  
Asst. Margaret Strocel

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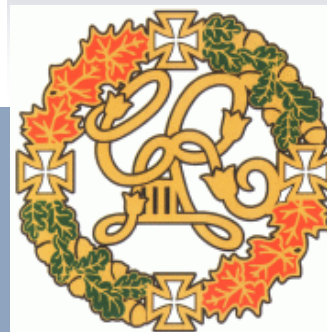
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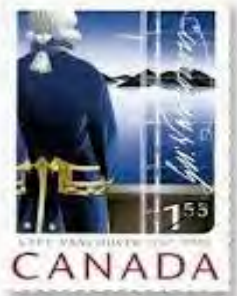
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### Pacific Region Events:

**2014** Conference to be held June 5-8th.  
Toronto, Ontario celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the UELAC.

**2015** Conference May 28 - 31st  
@ the Coast Harbourside Hotel  
146 Kingston St. Victoria, BC



### Vancouver Branch 2014 Centennial Project:

The beautiful pin to the left commemorates the 1932 founding of the branch. Go to the Vancouver Branch web site and click on "News and Announcements" to see a larger image. The pin is available for \$7.50 +3.50 shipping.

To purchase, click on "Order form" print out and send to the address noted.

<http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/index.php>

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### STANLEY PARK - 125 YEARS

September 27, 1888 Stanley Park opened to the public and has been a much loved landmark ever since.

At one of our meetings, member Chris Hay UE told us the story of his great grandfather John Montgomery who, at the age of 65, accepted the position of park gardener in Stanley Park in about 1909.

In 1911 John convinced the Parks commissioners to let him build a rock garden from the debris left from the excavation of the Stanley Park Pavilion. Over the next nine years an amazing sight took shape. A wonderfully beautiful attraction in its time, appearing on numerous postcards, the garden slowly became overgrown. It was not until the big wind storm of 2006 that its location was rediscovered.

A recent TV news story on Chris and his search and the finding of this garden was one of the features celebrating the anniversary of the park.



We are hoping to get a copy to show you, but in the meantime, please visit the web site below and discover this wonderful story for yourself. This historical marker was placed in July, 2011 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the garden.

<http://beautifulearth.ca/rockgarden.html>

Photo from website not credited.

### Local member wins 2nd Place

Kudos go to Judy Schulz UE for winning second place at the Chilliwack Fall Fair in August for this beautifully hand crafted quilt. The pattern is a variation of the Dresden Plate and is sometimes referred to as Friendship Ring or Grandmother's Sun Bonnet.



What a beautiful result.  
Wouldn't her Loyalist ancestors be proud!



**Proud Moment for two Chilliwack members/Sisters  
Cindy and Vicky here with their daughters.**

L-R Cindy Lyftogt UE, Korissa Heibner UE, Kaitlyn Lyftogt UE,  
and Vicky Heibner UE  
June 2013 Graduation from Sardis Secondary School.



**Celebration of the Fall Fleet**

**Saturday, Nov 2nd, 2013**

see details page 4

**We are pleased to announce  
the guest speaker**

**Warren Bell UE**

**UELAC Trustee and**

**Vancouver Branch Member**

**Topic: Arctic Exploration**

**We will have the General Store**



open with a  
selection of  
Fall items  
for you to  
buy - of  
course!

**Fort Langley National Historic Site of Canada**

**August 2-5, 2013 Fur Brigade Days**

Right: picture from Parks Canada website  
(note the Hudson's Bay blanket coat)  
Below: picture from the Langley Advance.

**For the Chilliwack and Vancouver  
Branches, the holiday Monday has  
been the annual day for a picnic at the  
Fort under our usual big old oak tree  
and an opportunity to enjoy all the  
scheduled Monday festivities  
including**

***"The Arrival of the Fur Brigades."***

**Re-enactors paddle to Fort Langley**

**and unload dignitaries and their cargo of furs and barrels at Fort Langley's Marina Park.  
We cheer on the canoe brigades and hear the exciting bagpipe and black powder salute!**

**The Arrival of the Fur Brigades portrays an annual event dating from 1848, when Fort  
Langley became the main depot for the Hudson's Bay Company on the west coast.**

**Every summer in the 1850s, the fur brigades traveled down the rivers to Fort Langley. The  
brigades came down in canoes full of furs and other goods that had been traded from  
Aboriginal people at the interior forts. These goods were unpacked at Fort Langley, then**

**repacked and shipped back to England. The fur traders  
then reloaded their canoes with European supplies to  
take back to the interior posts. We visit with the  
re-enactors and watch demonstrations of sewing,  
trapping, cooking and historic weapons. Interesting  
demonstrations in the encampment culminates with the  
traditional Fur Trade Cook-off. We arrive early to watch  
the re-enactors of all ages cook up their 1800s recipes,  
and see which dish the judges choose as the winner.**

**See page 4 for pictures of the members  
from both branches.**





**MEMORIES OF SARDIS**  
**The first 100 years—1860-1960**  
 Published by the Chilliwack Museum  
 and Archives © 2013  
 Design by Shannon Bettles and  
 Edited by Ron Denman

The Sardis History Book committee has just launched their book:  
**Memories of Sardis - The First 100 Years 1860-1960.**  
 The book is available for sale at the Museum and Archives for \$20.  
 See more at: [http://www.chilliwack.museum.bc.ca/  
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Our President, Shirley Dargatz UE was part of the committee and worked hard to ensure that the Sardis story of her grandfather, George Israel Thornton, the "Father of Fruit Farming" was remembered in this history. The history includes such topics as the hop fields, the various churches and farms, sports events, blacksmiths, meat markets, the BC Electric Railway and write ups on a number of individual pioneers of the area. A wonderful read and great pictures of early Sardis and the era have been used.

**Applying for a UE Certificate**

If you or a family member wish to apply for your UE Certificate please send your request to:

- 1) Asst. Genealogist at [wmdance@telus.net](mailto:wmdance@telus.net)
  - 2) You will be provided with a detailed list of instructions and the current application form used by the UELAC.
  - 3) Be sure to type in the information on the form provided and complete page 9 showing what proofs you have to support your claim. If you have no computer, forms will be mailed to you. But eventually your application **MUST** be typed.
  - 4) Send the completed application by email back to above address and it will be checked and questions asked for clarification of any item. We will look for support documents only.
  - 5) You will be asked to email or snail mail copies of the documents you intend to use. **Never** mail original documents - get copies to send to us.
  - 6) While many sources are available to us, you need to do the basic work, we do the checking and set up and send to Dominion asap.
- Thank you - Marlene Dance Asst. Genealogist

The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short;  
 but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark. Michelangelo

**Calendar of Events for 2013**

Clip off and save on your calendar



**Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall,  
 7258 Vedder Road, Chilliwack, BC.**

Luncheon with coffee, tea and juice served.

**Members are reminded to bring contributions to the food table unless noted below.**

Trooping of the flag will commence at 11:45am - followed immediately by lunch - then a planned program.

Note any changes to these events below.

**For 2013**

September 9 - Executive meeting

Nov. 2nd - Fall Fleet celebration

November 11th - Remembrance Day presentation of our wreath at the cenotaph

December 7th - Christmas Tea

**For 2014**

February 22nd - Heritage week

May - Spring Fleet Celebration - date to be announced

June - Strawberry Social - date to be announced

Be sure to send information and pictures to be included in the next publication to: [wmdance@telus.net](mailto:wmdance@telus.net)



**United Empire Loyalists'  
 Association of Canada**



# AUGUST 5TH AT FORT LANGLEY "FUR BRIGADE DAYS"

Photo's thanks to Linda Nygard UE of Vancouver Branch and Judy Scholz UE Chilliwack Branch.



Here is our own Ethan Lyftogt UE looking dapper and a lovely lady from the US being carried off the canoe. Also Sydney Heibner UE (centre) braiding scrap material for assembly into a rug.



Other Chilliwack Branch members who attended include Allan & Jacqueline Kennedy UE'S, Judy Scholz UE, Karen Hallam and Jan Ouellet, My apologies if I missed anyone.