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A Message from our Branch President

“Loyalists, Lighthouses and Lobsters”. The Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC was well represented by seven members including: Marlene and Wayne Dance, Shirley Dargatz, Judy Scholz, Arnold Fast, Jan Ouellet and Emily Thomason. While the rest of us flew to the Maritimes, Marlene and Wayne took the scenic route by driving there – and back. The setting of the 2016 Conference was idyllic - The “Loyalist Inn” at Summerside, PEI, an ideal venue. It is always such a joy to meet up with dear friends from all across Canada! Camaraderie and friendships strengthen! Our special **“THANKS”** to the three Atlantic Branches for hosting us – 165 attendees! Our tours around Prince Edward Island were awesome! The terrain so spectacular and the contrasting verdant potato fields that went on forever. It is an exquisite peaceful Island!. Just one little hitch, I couldn’t find anyone to dance with me in the back field at Green Gables. I wanted to play the role of Anne Shirley, but I needed a Dianna. Our Chilliwack Branch contingent took the advantage of arriving in the Maritimes early and staying longer, in order to avail themselves of the myriad of opportunities to explore these beautiful Provinces and visit with family and friends. One such visit as we made on our way from Halifax to the Conference, was on the Amherst Shores with Jan’s brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Willie and Brenda. It was a precious day by the ocean. After the Conference, I played the role of “Miss Daisy” - sitting in the backseat as Jan and Emily drove me to many new places. Cape Breton was our goal and driving the Cabot Trail was breathtaking! There were many, many highlights, but I will select just a few to share. Lunch at “Rita Mc Neil’s Tea House” in Big Pond was a most poignant stop. One can feel her very presence. Actually, she was there, in a white tea pot on the mantle of the fireplace! Magnificent scenery and amazing vistas greeted us everywhere we went! A rainy day in St. Peter’s, NS, brought us to the MacAskill House Museum. Wallace MacAskill was the renowned photographer who at his death left behind more than 6,000 glass negatives – the famed “Blue Nose” being one of his best known. A lunch stop on the West side of our Cabot Trail journey brought us to The Harbour Restaurant at Cheticamp – a unique and picturesque fishing village with a strong Acadian identity. At our visit to Pictou, the birthplace of New Scotland, on a perfectly sunny day, we admired the setting and the full sized replica of the Hector Ship which brought the first wave of emigrants from Scotland to Nova Scotia in 1773. As I complete this article, my thoughts offer up heartfelt thanks to my Loyalist Ancestors who chose to leave the Thirteen Colonies to start anew and build this country Canada.

Loyally yours Shirley Dargatz UE



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Chilliwack Branch

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To Pacific Region Branches

You are cordially invited to
The Fall Fleet Celebrations

Hosted by:

Chilliwack Branch

November 5, 2016

@ Carman United Church Hall
7258 Vedder Rd., Chilliwack, BC

11:30 am gathering.

Details and cost to be announced later.

Agenda includes:

Certificate presentations

Philip E.M. Leith Memorial

Award to be presented

Guest speaker

Conference slide presentation



Loyalist Certificates presented at Family Reunion in Tsawwassen



l-r: Brad Merritt UE; Marlene Dance UE Branch Genealogist; Corinne Merritt Gray UE.

Brad Merritt, bass guitarist for the well known Canadian rock band 54-40, was presented with his Loyalist certificate together with his sister Corinne Merritt Gray at the annual Family Reunion picnic held July 31, 2016 at Centennial Beach Park in Tsawwassen, BC. This family event takes place yearly and is rotated about the province from Kamloops to Prince George to Vancouver.

Their Loyalist ancestor is Joseph Merritt UE of Twenty Mile Creek, Lots 3,4 &5 Niagara region, Smithville, Ontario.

Calendar of Events for 2016

Clip off and save on your calendar



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

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

Note: any changes to starting time will be listed below

Luncheon with coffee, tea and juice served at most meetings.

Members are asked to please bring food contributions to the meeting

- 2016** August 1 - Fur Brigade Day Picnic in Ft. Langley hosted by Vancouver Branch
 October 15 - Finding your Roots Seminar LDS Church, Surrey, BC 8:30 am-4:00 pm
 November 5 - Fall Fleet Celebrations hosted by the Chilliwack Branch.
 All Pacific Region Branches are invited.
 November 11 - Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph. Luncheon to follow.
 December - information to be announced.

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to: wmdance@telus.net



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Just a small sample of all the wonderful events. Can you find our branch members?



Wedding Bells for the Loyalist Hay family!

Branch members Chris Hay UE and wife Monica are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter Jennifer Lynn Hay UE to Ryan Christopher Foulds. The ceremony took place July 16, 2016 at Canadian Memorial United Church and Centre for Peace, 1825 W. 16th Ave., Vancouver, BC



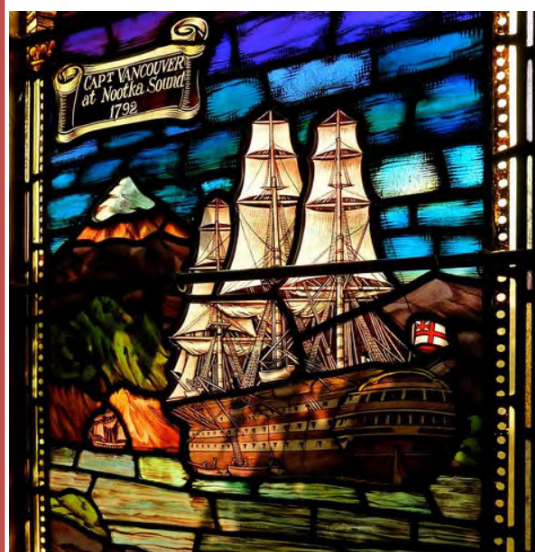
Canadian Memorial United Church

Chris Hay UE writes that “this church has long been associated with our family and has much added significance as one of its historical windows is for the Province of New Brunswick featuring the landing of the Loyalists. As one of the few historic Loyalist memorials in British Columbia, this close affinity also holds a special connection to all our family events held at this church”.

To the right is a close look at the panel that refers to NB and to the Loyalist landing in 1783.

Below is the full panel in which it appears.

The windows are a memorial to those who served and died in WW1 with a focus on PEACE.



Please take a moment and go to <http://canadianmemorial.org/building-history/> and view the full set of windows. They are wonderful!
To the left is another window panel commemorating Capt. Vancouver at Nootka Sound 1792

British Columbia Loyalist Day - July 22nd, 2016 (submitted by Shirley Dargatz UE)

The Annual BC Loyalist Day Celebrations of the Chilliwack Branch took place at a new venue this year - the Promontory Heights home of Ken and Shirley Dargatz - followed by a lovely lunch. Special Guest was Her Honour, Chilliwack Mayor Sharon Gaetz who is always a faithful attendee at our special events. During the Ceremony, Mayor Gaetz spoke poignantly to the young children present about the importance of their ancestry. Then, Mayor Gaetz, Evie and Jaden, assisted each other with the raising of our Loyalist Flag. In appreciation for her joining us, Mayor Gaetz was gifted with a pair of Celtic Cross pewter earrings recently purchased while on the trek of the Cabot Trail in Nova Scotia.

Some unexpected guests joined our flag raising event. Three young deer were out and about looking for tasty morsels. Their presence provided some unique photo opportunities . (Pictures courtesy of Marlene Dance UE)

