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Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

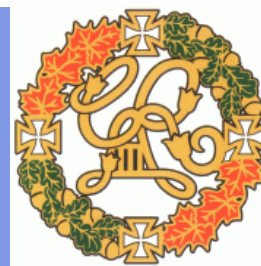
Your Management Committee
for 2020

President: Marlene Dance UE
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& Rebecca Heibner UE

Pacific Regional VP:
Carl Stymiest UE
Pacific Regional Councillor:
Frans Compeer



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President's Message

In some ways the days go by very slowly, but in others the time flies. I watch the plants and flowers in my garden and measure the progress from bud to bloom to finished for the year. Everything is so lush and abundant.

I think this is the best my garden has looked in years.

Talk about having the time to stop and smell the roses!

I have also been able to find time to assist a number of people with their family search inquiries and have even located new branches of the family tree for both my husband and myself. This includes two new loyalists for me and a DNA connection to family in Sweden for my husband that has solved a very old family mystery. Thank you to new contacts in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In addition, there might even be a very distant connection with Carl Stymiest UE.

Who had time before this "stay home and stay safe" order.

News from our members include: Honourary member "Selyca" who sent a special message on Facebook to all her school friends. See page 6 for this lovely story. Marilyn Keller UE has advised us of an article she has written on her Loyalist Thomas Wheaton. Congratulations! Please see page 6 for the links. And branch member Chris Hay UE is at it again – what a guy! See his latest news from the BC History Federation on page 5. Well done, Chris.

Even though the UELAC Conference has been cancelled, our association must still hold its AGM this year. Details are on page 8. You have also received emails.

Please register for our online meeting to be held June 27, 2020.

The spring issue of the Loyalist Gazette is available online at www.uelac.ca and the hard copy has been mailed. You should receive it shortly.

We are still hopeful that we will be able to meet up for our BC Loyalist Day celebrations. So keep your calendar clear and we will advise you. To quote B.C.'s Dr. Bonnie Henry "Be kind, be calm and be safe". She has certainly been the voice of calm reassurance and reason here in B.C. as we go through these most unusual times in our history. Look after each other as best you can.

Loyally yours,
Marlene Dance UE



Calendar of Events for 2020

Print and save with 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 in future newsletters and emails *****

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

There is no charge for our regular meetings.

Members are asked to please bring food contributions to the meeting
or make a small donation into the refreshment basket.

We are pleased to present our calendar for the coming year:

2020	April 18	Spring Fleet. Guest speaker and details TBA Cancelled
	April 25	LDS Finding your Roots table display in Abbotsford, BC Cancelled
	June 6	Berry Social and guest speaker. Cancelled
	June 24-28	Annual Conference in Winnipeg, Man. Cancelled
	July 1	Canada Day (check your local newspaper to see if events are scheduled)
	July 19	BC Loyalist Day picnic Queens Park. We are still hopeful.
	July 22	BC Loyalist Day. We are still hopeful. Will send info asap.
	August 3	Long Weekend: Fur Brigade Days at Ft. Langley (unknown)
	October 3	Fall Fleet hosted by Vancouver Branch. Details Cancelled
	October 17	LDS Finding your Roots Conference in Surrey, BC Cancelled
	November 11	Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens (unknown)
	December 5	Christmas Social TBA

Details and reminders about any change in time, location or about guest speakers
will be sent via email and included in each edition of this newsletter.

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to: chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with: Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

<https://www.heritagechilliwack.org/>





**Chilliwack Branch Presents:
LOYALIST BARN RAISING QUILT RAFFLE
\$2 per ticket /\$20 per book of 10**

Beautifully designed and quilted by branch member Carole Lefler UE.

100% cotton top of various colours to reflect the wood of the barn, the colours of nature and in the patterns of the era.

The lighter squares clearly allow the quilting pattern in the background to be seen. The reverse side is a soft polyester velour type of fabric called "Fireside" with a Canadian flag and two squares. Size is 54"x72".

Altogether a beautiful quilt and piece of art!

Thank you, Carole, for your skill in creating this for our branch!

SO.....the best laid plans.....as the saying goes, have been derailed by the various Covid19 shutdowns and cancellations. Sales were very brisk until then.

All the venues in which we had been scheduled to sell tickets are now cancelled.

We have asked the BC Gaming Commission to extend our draw date to

December 5th, 2020 and have received a confirmation.

The printed tickets will still say the original draw date as it is too expensive to reprint what has not been sold.

So please help us out and buy a few tickets! (Maybe even a book of 10 - hint, hint)

And may we suggest one of the following options for payment:

- 1) Send us an email at chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com We will arrange to reserve tickets for you. We will send you an email picture of your ticket numbers and then ask you to arrange to pay us by e-transfer to account information provided in the email, or you can mail us a cheque. OR
- 2) Send an email directly to wmdance@telus.net or Carole Lefler UE cjlefler45@gmail.com We will arrange to reserve tickets for you. We will send you an email picture of your ticket numbers and then ask you to pay us by e-transfer to account information provided or you can mail us a cheque.

We have already done this successfully in a number of cases and it works very well.

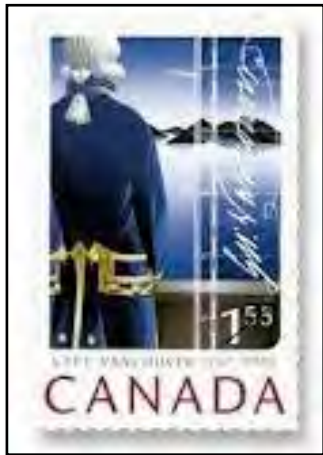
So please support us and buy some tickets!



I MISS BEING ABLE TO SLAM MY PHONE DOWN WHEN I HANG UP ON SOMEBODY.



VIOLENTLY PRESSING "END CALL" JUST DOESN'T DO IT FOR ME!



Notice from Pacific Regional VP Carl Stymiest UE 2020 Phillip E M Leith Memorial Award

With regret, we advise, that in light of the Pandemic and the postponement of the Fall Fleet for Oct 2020, we will not be presenting the Volunteer Memorial Phillip E M Leith Award this year. If you have a possible nomination, please keep it safe and submit the name when called in 2021.

Letter from Vancouver Branch President, Christine Manzer UE

Greetings to the members of the UELAC Chilliwack Branch, Our regional celebration of the arrival of the Fall Fleet of Loyalists to the shores of Nova Scotia and the mouth of the Saint John River is a special event for the hosting branch. Planning a theme, a speaker and the lunch in order to host our friends from around the province is enjoyable work.

Since it is our desire to have many people participate and to make wise financial decisions the Vancouver Branch executive has postponed the October 3, 2020 luncheon and celebration involving all 4 Pacific Region Branches to October 2, 2021.

(This is a tentative date but we expect that the lead-time will mean that our chosen venue will be available to us.) There will be more details to follow as we move beyond this COVID-19 crisis. The Vancouver Branch members who were planning to join the Victoria Branch for the Spring Fleet Luncheon earlier this month also missed seeing you all then. And thinking about the Strawberry tea that happens in June each year in Chilliwack, we are "berry" sad to be missing that event.



Chris Hay UE awarded a BC Historical Federation Certificate of Recognition for Vancouver's Stanley Park Rock Garden - the first release was May 14, 2020 this is the second.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Vancouver's Stanley Park Rock Garden recognition receives congratulations from
BC Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin

May 26, 2020 — When Chris Hay received a 2019 Certificate of Recognition from the British Columbia Historical Federation (BCHF) on May 14, 2020 for his invaluable efforts to have the Stanley Park Rock Garden recognized as a historic site in Vancouver, British Columbia, and nationally, he did not dream he would also receive a handwritten letter from BC Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin: *"I am writing to offer my heartfelt congratulations on receiving the BC Historical Federation's Award of Recognition for your outstanding commitment to restoring the Stanley Park Rock Garden. What a wonderful gift you have left for all British Columbians and our travelling visitors to enjoy and cherish."*

The first public garden in Vancouver, the Stanley Park Rock Garden was laid out in 1911 by master gardener John Montgomery, and was one of Stanley Park's top attractions, but the garden became neglected and gradually disappeared into the adjacent forest after the Second World War. Chris Hay, great grandson of John Montgomery, rediscovered the rock garden when he began researching his family history. A devastating windstorm in 2006 revealed lost portions of the rock garden landscape. After years of research and lobbying by Hay, the Stanley Park Rock Garden was recognized as one of Vancouver "Places that Matter", added to the Vancouver City Heritage Register, and listed on the Canadian Register of Historic Places. The BC Historical Federation's Award of Recognition is awarded to individuals who have given exceptional service to their organization or community, either for a specific project or for long service in the preservation of British Columbia's history. Sadly, due to the ongoing COVID-19 health situation the BCHF annual conference schedule for June 2020, including the awards gala, has been cancelled. Thus, the prizes are being announced early and plans are in the works for ways to honour winners during the 2020 BCHF conference.

The British Columbia Historical Federation (BCHF) encourages interest in the history of British Columbia through research, presentation, and support in its role as an umbrella organization for provincial historical societies. Established in 1922, the Federation currently provides a collective voice for over 100 member societies and 24,000 individuals in the provincial not-for-profit historical sector.

Aimee Greenaway

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ALSO: Link to Maple Ridge News Story about the Rock Garden

<https://www.mapleridgenews.com/community/maple-ridge-man-honoured-for-work-discovering-the-stanley-park-rock-garden/>



John Montgomery
Builder of the Rock Garden, standing by the Pavilion

Left: Chris Hay UE with award **Left below:** John Montgomery, builder of the Rock Garden standing by the Pavilion circa 1920's. **Below:** Post card of the garden Circa 1930's.



Rock Garden and Pavilion, Stanley Park, Vancouver, B. C.



Selyca sends a special message to all her school friends. Member Deleine Perrie UE is a teacher who is able to bring her lovely dog with her to classes. The children just love having Selyca there. But now the schools are closed and on-line classes are the way to go. As Selyca is also an honorary member of our branch we asked to post these pictures on the Vancouver Branch Facebook page, so that everyone could see



Selyca's message of encouragement to the students. Deleine reports how well behaved Selyca was when:

"I spelled this message out with dog kibble to send to all the students at our school.

It took a lot of patience, self control, a bit of drool and a whole bunch of kibble. Thought I would share this picture of Selyca getting set up to learn from home. Since she won't be seeing any of her students for awhile, and missing them, she thought she would support them by showing them if she could do it,

so could they". Well done Selyca (with a little help from Deleine).

Thomas Wheaton Loyalist

Marilyn Keller UE was very busy this past winter writing the history of her Loyalist ancestor, Thomas Wheaton. It has been published by the "Tantramar Heritage Trust" in their newsletter "The White Fence".

You can find it at
www://tantramarheritage.ca/

This will open the home page. Then click on Publications and then the White Fence newsletter.

It is issue #89 February 2020 page 2-5.

For those interested in this Loyalist, a list of "Sources" has been included at the end of the article.

Congratulations, Marilyn.

Very well done!



Above: The Walling map of 1862 showing the homestead of Thomas Wheaton Jr. (1795-1877) on the edge of the Tantramar Marsh on the High Marsh Road (see arrow).

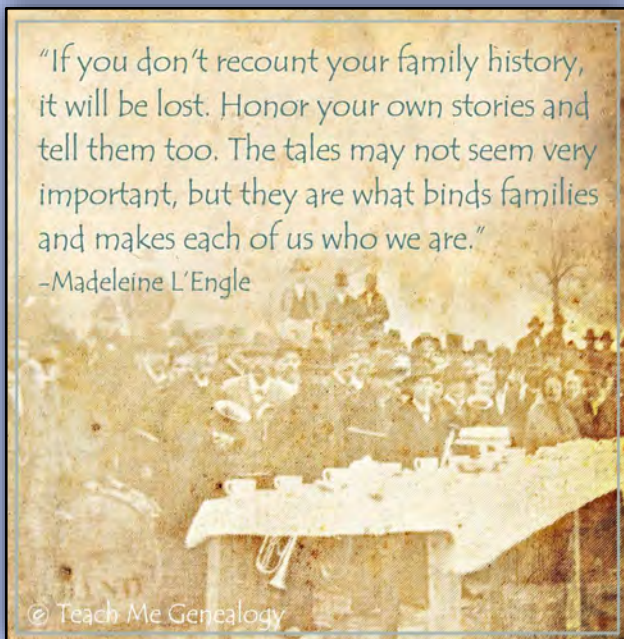
Left: Memorial for Thomas Whaton (Wheaton), 1758-1830, Four Corners Cemetery, Upper Sackville, NB.



Cancelled:
UELAC Annual AGM and Conference
June 24-28, 2020
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Hosted by Manitoba Branch UELAC

See page 8 For information about the Virtual AGM to be held Saturday, June 27th, 2020

"For Better or Worse" by Lynn Johnson



Branch Annual Field Trip

- Saturday, April 18th - Tour of the 15th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery Museum & Archives with our guide Peter Moogk UE

CANCELLED



Thomson, Stuart (Photographer) Available from the City of Vancouver Archives

UELAC Vancouver Branch news:

- 1) The annual BC Heritage Fair in the Vancouver School district is usually scheduled in March thru May each year. Vancouver Branch UELAC have been adjudicating these projects for the past 10 years. They had just got underway in March when spring break began and then the closure of the schools for an undetermined period due to Covid 19.
 - 2) The April 19th branch meeting was cancelled. Please go to the website for other news: <http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/>
 - 3) Vancouver Branch will not have a display tent in the BC Highland Games on June 14th, 2020.
- Stay safe and stay well.

Reminder Registration and Proxies for UELAC Annual General Meeting

This meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, 27 June 2020 at 12:00 noon EDT. All members are eligible to attend; all over the age of 18 are eligible to vote. You may vote in person or by proxy; but in either case you must register in advance.

There are various deadlines.

Registration of a proxy to be carried by a non-member is first; registration must be received by Sunday 7 June. All details are available.

Notice of Meeting: Now publicly posted; see link at UELAC.ca homepage.

Meeting Details: Now available in the Members' Section; log in at UELAC.ca homepage.

Here you will see:

- Overview
- Notice of Meeting
- Attending the Virtual AGM (Registration and deadline)
- Not Attending? Send Your Proxy (Registration and various deadlines)
- AGM General Items
- Executive Reports
- Committee Reports
- Motions



Your new UELAC Membership System:

First Time for Member Login to Set Up Account (from Doug Grant UE)

- #1) Go to uelac.ca note the different web address!
- #2) "Click here to set up your account."
- #3) Enter your email address (must be same one as is stored in your membership record)
- #4) Click on "Get new password"
- #5) If an error message appears just below the green box "Error: The email address isn't correct...", make sure you entered your email address correctly. If you did it correctly, send me an email as most likely your email is not correct in the member system, or is missing. Sent me a note with your branch and your correct email address to loyalist.trails@uelac.org I will check it and get back to you.)
- #6) You will receive an email message from Word press, with a link in it
- #7) Click on the link
- #8) A page will show in your browser. In the "New password" box a password will show.
- #9) Delete that password (unless you like it) and enter the one you wish to use. Record the password somewhere.
- #10) Click on "Reset Password" (in blue box)
- #11) A smaller box will appear; in the green box, click on "log in"
- #12) On this screen, enter your email address and the new password, and "click log-in"
- #13) This should then show "My Account" page
(in future it will probably show a different first page with a link to "My Account")

Still time to renew your membership. Please do it now!