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Photo by M.L. Dance UE

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Management Committee for 2021

President: Marlene Dance UE
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 Asst. Cindy Frizell UE

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 Social Conveners: Jan Duelliet w/assistants Vicky Heibner UE and Rebecca Heibner UE

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



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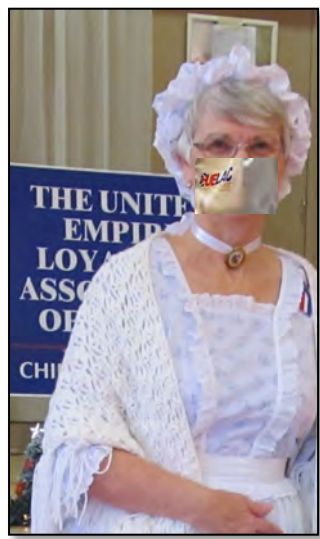
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President's Message

When I look back on the past two months, my calendar says Zoom, Zoom, Zoom. It has certainly become the new word in communication. I have even had a couple of Zoom meet ups with cousins in England. Your Management team is learning to negotiate the nuances of this new program, and a number of us have attended meetings with both Vancouver and Victoria branches. I will continue to share the links with all members. The April 7th passing of Prince Phillip was so sad. I watched the funeral and was so touched by the picture of the Queen sitting alone in the Chapel during the service. A lovely tribute was included at the Conference AGM. Please read the item from Brian McConnell UE on page 9 and click the link to read the address given by Prince Phillip in 1989 at the UELAC Conference. His comments are still meaningful today.

When you receive this newsletter, the conference will be over. But I have included a Schedule of Events for the 2021 Conference to give you an idea of what you missed. Our very first all virtual conference was well thought out, well organized, videos, webinars and live presentations were well done. The participation registrations were a record: 220. I attended as much as I could and felt it was easy to link in. So enjoyable.

I have also included a recap of the AGM and some items of interest for you. It was announced that the 2022 conference will be done in the same manner. It is expected that the 2023 Conference hosted by the four branches in BC will be able to return to the "in person" format. But there will be an important element of video and live links as well.



I was honoured to be able to share the Loyalist story at a zoom meeting of the BCGS on May 12th. The BC government has announced a series of steps that hopefully will bring things back to a new normal by September 7th. My husband and I are booked for our second shots and are planning on attending a small family reunion (cancelled last year) late this summer.

So stay safe and well, look after each other and we hope to see you all soon.

Loyally yours,
 Marlene Dance UE

Calendar of Events for 2021

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.

2021	June	Mixed Berry Social cannot be scheduled while restrictions remain
	July 1	Canada Day - local City government will advise if allowed.
	July 22	BC Loyalist Day TBA
	August	Long Weekend: Fur Brigade Days at Ft. Langley TBA
	October	Fall Fleet TBA
	October	LDS Finding your Roots Conference in Surrey BC TBA
	November 11	Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens TBA
	December	Christmas Social TBA

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

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

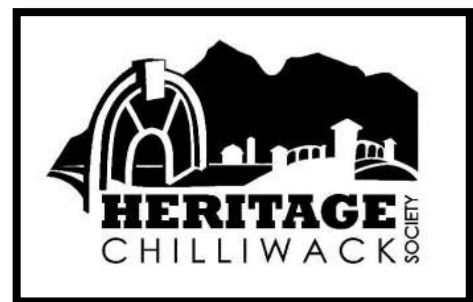


United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with: Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

www.heritagechilliwack.org/



On the Porch video series. Click here and enjoy: [On the Porch With Heritage Chilliwack Society Episode 4 - YouTube](#)

www.theprogress.com/entertainment/chilliwack-heritage-societys-on-the-porch-video-series-shines-spotlight-on-historic-homes/

On May 15th, 2021 at a Victoria Branch Meeting, Kirra Little UE, the Poet Laureate of Vancouver Branch, was asked to recite one of her special poems.

The choice was titled Descendants. We previously published this poem in our October, 2017 edition of this newsletter. A number of people asked for a copy and we are very pleased to bring it to you again. Thank you Kirra.

Descendants by Kirra Little UE

**Many years ago,
 Long before you or I were born;
 There were those who searched the sea,
 Weathering heavy storm.
 The waters rose and fell,
 Sickness was no surprise,
 When land was reached at last;
 They kissed the ground and praised the skies.
 But their journey did not stop,
 Across wilderness they trekked west;
 And I can't speak for you,
 But I would want some rest.
 Yet still they kept on going,
 Determination in their blood;
 Forts and tents and houses,
 Raised just above the mud.
 But they couldn't sit for long,
 There was work to still be done;
 The threat of deathly cold,
 Had them always on the run.
 Small towns soon turned to cities,
 Progress was being made;
 Log houses became homes,
 And there those families stayed.
 Fast forward just a little,
 200 years and more,
 Those people haven't left;
 Just as stubborn as before.
 And here we stand today,
 Strong hearts within our chests;
 Thanks to those few people,
 We get to write the rest.**



Kirra at the podium in 2017



Bedford Basin by Robert Petley 1835



PACIFIC REGION

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

- Fraser Valley
- Vancouver Island
- Thompson/Okanagan area
- Lower Mainland

The four UELAC Pacific Region Branches are here to help you discover your Loyalist history.

We'd love to hear from you! Find us at uelac.ca/branches/



British Columbia Genealogy Society

www.bcgs.ca

In recent years, the UELAC Vancouver Branch Library had outgrown its home. A branch committee was appointed to research possible repositories for the collection and to report back. In 2015 an agreement was reached and signed with the BCGS and on September 16, 2016 the Pacific Loyalist Library was donated. The BCG Society's library is called the Walter Draycott Library and is located in Surrey BC.

This ensures the library will be used again.

As the BCGS and the Vancouver Branch UELAC are now partners, one of the ideas is for the UELAC to place an advertisement in the monthly BCGS Newsletter. Thank you to Christine Manzer UE for her design and for including the other BC Branches in its reference. We now regularly receive invitations to the monthly meetings of the BCGS. In addition, at the May 12th meeting the guest speaker was Marlene Dance UE presenting a program titled:

“The American Revolution, The Loyalists and Canada, This is their story”. This PowerPoint presentation was well received by over 88 members of the BCGS and interested UELAC members. It seems that a few viewers believe they have Loyalist heritage and will be contacting a branch listed on the ad. In addition, Marlene has been invited to do this presentation again with another Genealogy Society on Vancouver Island.

The screen shot below is page one of the Zoom meeting. Do you recognize anyone? I see a few UEL members as well as friends from Chilliwack who dropped by for the meeting. Thank you BCGS for offering the opportunity to tell our story.





As a follow up to an item in our last issue, [Brian McConnell](#) shares this post: Thankful to receive excellent review of my book on Amazon from Peter Johnson UE a UELAC Historian, which reads: "This is Brian McConnell's third book on Loyalists and all were published recently. It is also the most detailed as he takes an overdue look at the Loyalists in Digby County who have generally been in the shadow of the Shelburne Loyalists.



You will find out how Digby acquired its name, and consideration of a range of Loyalists from high profile officers to privates and a generous look at the Black Loyalists of Brinley Town.

Among the prominent Loyalists are James Moody and Robert Timpany. With this book in hand, locals will undoubtedly pick up new information and those far removed from Nova Scotia will feel like they have visited Digby County.

There's much to like."

Book is available online from Amazon in Canada, USA, and Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



Happy Birthday your Majesty.

Queen Elizabeth II

Born in Mayfair, London

April 21, 1926

age 95 years.

The tradition of the British monarch celebrating two birthdays stems back to 1748, during the reign of King George II.

Therefore, the monarch's official birthday celebrations were combined with the Trooping the Colour parade in summer, a ceremony which had previously been a predominantly military affair, and could have the chance of much better weather if the actual birthdate was in the fall or winter months. The tradition continues and the date for the Trooping of the Colour is June 12, 2021.

UELAC 2021: Schedule of Events



**\$ Fee-based programming
Registration Required**

**Times listed in Eastern
Standard Time (EST)**

Schedule/Content Subject to Change

Thursday, May 27

Friday, May 28


Saturday, May 29

Sunday, May 30


8:00 am

Welcome to UELAC 2021! Most content goes LIVE


10:00 am - 11:00 am

Free LIVE Event: Ask a Genealogist: 1-hour open LIVE chat
 Visit **Discover Your Loyalist Roots** on our interactive map to learn more


11:00 am - 12:30 pm

 Genealogists Meeting (*link sent by UELAC to specific attendees*)


1:30 - 3:00 pm

 Membership Chairs Meeting (*link sent by UELAC to specific attendees*)

7:00 - 8:00 pm

\$ LIVE Event: Stuart Manson presents *Loyalist Cemeteries in Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry*; Q&A to follow
 Visit **Theatre** stop on our interactive map to learn more


11:00 am - 2:00 pm

 Annual General Meeting (AGM)
(link sent by UELAC to UELAC members)


10:00 am - 11:00 am

Free LIVE Event: Ask a Genealogist: 1-hour open LIVE chat


3:00 - 4:00 pm

\$ LIVE Event: Virtual Tour Q&A onsite! | The Lost Villages, Stormont Co.
 Visit **Explore** on our interactive map to learn more

7:00 - 8:00 pm

\$ LIVE Event: Nathan Tidridge presents *The Relationship Between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Crown*; Q&A to follow
 Visit **Theatre** on our interactive map to learn more


8:15 - 8:45 pm

Free LIVE Event: Tales from the Tavern
 Visit **18th Century Culture** on our interactive map to learn more


11:30 am-12:30 am

Broadcast PREMIER: Memorial Project: Honouring John Baker & War of 1812 Veteran Medal Ceremony
 Visit **Discover Your Loyalist Roots** on our interactive map to learn more

2:00 - 3:00 pm

\$ LIVE Event: Virtual Tour Q&A onsite! | Glengarry Pioneer Museum, Glengarry Co.
 Visit **Explore** on our interactive map to learn more


7:00 - 8:00 pm

\$ LIVE Event: Keynote: Tim Compeau presents *The Loyalist's Honour: Political Death and Rebirth in Revolutionary North America*; Q&A to follow
 Visit **Theatre** on our interactive map to learn more


8:00 - 9:00 pm

 "Chat & Mingle" for UELAC Members. Hosted by UELAC
 Visit **UELAC Conference** on our interactive map to learn more


10:00 am

Church Service from Trinity Anglican Church, Cornwall, ON (Upload)
 Visit **Welcome** on our interactive map to learn more

1:00 - 2:00 pm

\$ LIVE Event: In Conversation with Steve Fulton UE
 Special Genealogy Presentation; Q&A to follow
 Visit **Discover Your Loyalist Roots** on our interactive map to learn more

7:00 - 8:00 pm

\$ LIVE Event: Jennifer DeBruin presents *Traitors, Spies & Heroes: Loyalist Espionage during the American Revolution*; Live Q&A to follow
 Visit **Theatre** on our interactive map to learn more



Report on the Annual General Meeting May 28, 2021

(Summary of the Agenda Proceedings)

- 1) The AGM was called to order at 8:00 am PST. There were 99 members in attendance and 8 proxies. The quorum was met
- 2) A video of the procession of the colours and the playing of the National and Royal anthems
- 3) Tribute to the passing of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
- 4) Video presentations of the 2020 and 2021 Dorchester awards
- 5) Reading the Last Post 2020 to the passing of UELAC members (see page 9)
- 6) Moment of Silence and the Heritage Prayer
- 7) Roll Call of Officers of the Board, Report of the Credentials of the Committee
- 8) Motion to approve Agenda and Minutes of the Last AGM. Carried
- 9) Presentation and approval of Executive and Committee Reports. Carried.
- 10) Motion to approve the actions of the Board for 2020. Carried
- 11) Election of Trustees, Board Members and Auditor. Carried (see below)
- 12) Swearing in all Officers and adjournment.

Trustee's appointed and confirmed: Diane Faris, Susan Ellsworth, Warren Peters.

Executive of the Board of Directors

POSITION	NAME	BRANCH
Dominion President	Patricia Groom	Bridge Annex
Dominion Past President	Suzanne Hines	Grand River
Senior Vice-President	Carl Stymiest	Vancouver
Dominion Treasurer	Scott Hazelwood	Saskatchewan
Dominion Secretary	Jo Ann Tuskin	Gov. Simcoe

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POSITION	NAME	BRANCH
Atlantic Region V-P	Stephen Bolton	New Brunswick
Atlantic Region Councillor	Angela Donovan	New Brunswick
Central East Region V-P	Bill Russell	Kawartha
Central East Region Councillor	Miles O'Reilly	Kingston & District
Central West Region V-P	Heather Smith	Grand River
Central West Region Councillor	David Kanowakeron Hill-Morrison	Grand River
Prairie Region V-P	Barbara Andrew	Assiniboine
Prairie Region Councillor	Elizabeth Adair	Assiniboine
Pacific Region V-P	Frans Compeer	Victoria
Pacific Region Councillor	Christine Manzer	Vancouver

THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' **ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

AGM 2021 – Last Post 2020

Abegweit

Helen "Ruth" MacDonald
Norman MacDonald

Assiniboine

Amy Forsyth
Reginald Eamer

Bay of Quinte

Elaine Marie Carlisle
Patrick Galt
John Wright

Bicentennial

George John Rawlins
Jane Elizabeth Stewart

Chilliwack

Kenneth Robert Dargatz
Gordon Moffatt Vance

Col. John Butler

Norma Jean Coleman
Dorothy Evans Ellsworth
Twila Harpwood
Donald Henderson
Douglas Hicks
Marion Isabelle Miller
Marion Smith Tait

Edmonton

Charles Lund

Grand River

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Alfred Jeffries

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Glenn Donald Playter
Meryl de Valadares

Hamilton

Colin Myers Brown
Shirley Fellowes
Peter Fisher
Elizabeth Hadden
Edward Huffman
Charlotte Moore
Barbara Colleen Nelson

Kawartha

Cynthia McEwan

Kingston & District

Gerald Roney
Doris Wemp

London

Kenneth Fitchett
Arnold W. Nethercott

Manitoba

Dorothy Evelyn Francis
Wilbert Heather
Kenneth G. Runions

New Brunswick

Ronald Coleman
Brenda Ferguson

Saskatchewan

Wayne Stockton

Toronto

William Bruce Bennett
James Cameron Fleming
Wallace McLeod

Vancouver

Denis Lloyd

Victoria

Roy Jaynes



2021 Dorchester Award to Bonnie L. Schepers UE

Bonnie joined the UELAC in 1998 at Bi-Centennial Branch where she received her Loyalist Certificate for Abraham Pastorius in March of 2000 and then her second certificate for Martin Tofflemire in 2002. She served in many branch positions including Secretary, Website Facilitator, Newsletter Editor and was part of the Bi-Centennial Conference planning committee in 2007. Moving on from there, she held many positions with the Dominion Executive including serving on the Loyalist Burial Site Committee, Volunteer Recognition Committee and as Sr. Vice President from 2011 to 2013, and was Chair of both Grants and Finance Committees.

Bonnie served as our Dominion President from 2013 - 2015.

Most recently Bonnie has served as the Chair of the Loyalist Scholarship Program. The UELAC is blessed with hardworking and dedicated volunteers. Congratulations, Bonnie. This is well deserved.

Robert Collins McBride was the 2020 recipient. A bio appeared in the August 2020 edition of this newsletter. The Dorchester Award was presented in 2012 to our own Shirley Dargatz UE and in 2015 to Carl Stymiest UE of Vancouver Branch.



Remembering Prince Philip and Lennoxville, Quebec, 1989

By Brian McConnell UE

Upon learning of the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on April 9, 2021, I have reflected on his connections to Canada. Married in 1947 to the future Queen Elizabeth II, he was the longest serving royal consort in British history. He travelled to Canada forty-six times, often as a patron to philanthropic causes. In particular, as a member of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. I am appreciative of his attendance at the Annual Conference in 1989 held at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, a borough of Sherbrooke, Quebec. A detailed report appeared in the December, 1989 issue of the *Loyalist Gazette* magazine.

Okill Stuart, President of Heritage Branch of Montreal, which along with Sir John Johnson Branch of the Eastern Townships of Quebec, hosted the event from May 18 - 22, 1989. Okill was a classmate of Prince Philip while attending Gordonstoun School in Scotland.

This personal connection made possible his invitation and attendance.

In his speech given at the Convention Banquet, Prince Philip said:

“The lesson of the Loyalists is that it is possible for people to make a new start, to integrate into a strange community and to be committed to a wider unity, without in any way betraying the principles of their predecessors.” He also added that: “It would be more foolish to take Canada’s future for granted.

You have to work for it. You have to have a vision of a civilized and harmonious community and consciously work towards achieving it.”

Notes: 1) “The Loyalist Gazette”, Vol. XXVII, No. 2, December, 1989

2) Okill Stuart passed away on August 28, 2019 at the age of 98.

He served as the President of the United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada from 1994 – 1996 and was a direct descendant of Reverend John Stuart (1740 – 1811), a United Empire Loyalist.

3) For the complete PDF of Prince Philip’s address to the UELAC, please go to:

https://uelac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Prince-Philip-2021.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2CAH_D2OSo9J0IKx9kVF1R7N4mJlhZi61Q5zJAGNw9rMvbbR3--sc9710



What a lovely picture.!

**This moment was captured in 2018
by the Duchess of
Cambridge and was released
April 14, 2021 as the Royals shared
memories of Prince Philip.**

**The Queen and Prince Philip with
(at that time) seven
great grandchildren.
More great grandchildren were to
come in the following years.**

We are told that The John Baker Memorial link will remain up forever.

Go to: www.uelbridgeannex.com/discover-your-loyalist-roots

John Baker Memorial

May 29, 2021 | 11:30 - 12:30



John Baker was born enslaved, fought in the War of 1812, and was a respected member of the Cornwall Community.

We're honoured to remember him with the installation of a physical memorial in his hometown so that others might know his story.



Broadcast Premier





www.uelbridgeannex.com/2021/ click on the medallions and see what they are about.

UELAC 2021 Conference & Historic Interactive Event Map

Start at the **WELCOME** stop (Schedule of Events with Map Locations to LIVE events)

– then keep exploring at each stop!



Encampment of the Loyalists at Johnstown, a New Settlement, on the Banks of the River St. Lawrence, in Canada, taken June 6-1791



Message from Carl Stymiest UE Sr. Vice President UELAC

Please inform your membership of our newly elected
Pacific Regional Vice President and **Pacific Regional Counsellor**
Pacific Region Vice President: **Frans Compeer (Victoria Branch)** and
Pacific Region Counsellor: **Christine Manzer (Vancouver Branch)**



I am honoured and humbled to have been elected as the new UELAC Dominion (Senior) Vice President.

Patricia (Trish) Groom (Toronto Branch) was elected the new UELAC Dominion President. I am sure the Branch Presidents will let you know the other changes in the Board of Directors at your next scheduled virtual branch meeting or in an upcoming branch newsletter.

I would like to thank all of you as Branch Presidents and your branch membership for your continuous support during my time as Pacific Region Vice President. I am certainly not going far, just to a different position on the UELAC Board of Directors. I certainly will be continuing to represent the Vancouver Branch along with Diane Faris and Coco Aders as Co-Chairs for the **2023 "Where the Sea Meets the Sky: Conference 01-04 June.**

If you attended any of the 2021 Virtual Conference, you can bet I made several announcements for ALL members of the UELAC to mark their respective calendars for these important future dates of 2023!

Again Thank You for all your support and Hearty Congratulations to Frans and Christine as they take up their new roles.
Huzzah!!!

Carl Stymiest UE, CG©
UELAC Sr. Vice President
UELAC Dominion Archivist



“Where the Sea Meets the Sky - UELAC 2023 Conference” **Richmond, BC - June 1st to 4th.**

Hosted by the four Pacific Region Branches of the UELAC

Meetings have started and plans are well underway for the conference in 2023.

The hotel will be:

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
7551 Westminster Hwy., Richmond, BC

Mark these dates on your calendar!





[Loyalists A to Z, Part 1 | The Loyalist Collection \(unb.ca\)](#)

Are you searching for information on a Loyalist in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia? This is always a challenge. The more resources we have, the more likely we are to be successful. This website was recently recommended to me. There is a good deal of information here. Go to this site and click on the subject links on the right. See what you can find. Below is a Land Grant Map of Long Reach, Kings Co (Provincial Archives of New Brunswick) Do you recognize a name?



I see a couple of last names I recognize. My family is also from Kings Co., New Brunswick. I will check to see if they connect to my family. Good luck and happy hunting.