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**United Empire
 Loyalists' Association
 of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

Your Management Committee
 for 2022

- President: Marlene Dance UE
- Vice Pres: vacant
- Past Pres: Shirley Dargatz UE
- Secretary: Judy Scholz UE
- Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE
- Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE
- Asst. Genealogist: vacant
- Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE
- Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE
- Directors: Margaret Strocel UE
 Chris Hay UE
 Jan Duellert
- Honourary: Shirley Dargatz UE
 Marian Reid UE
- Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE
- Social Conveners:
 Vicky Heibner UE and
 Rebecca Heibner UE

- Pacific Regional VP:
 Frans Compeer
- Pacific Regional Councillor:
 Christine Manzer UE



President's Message

Happy New Year everyone!

We are already at the start of the second month of the new year. Amazing! For us here in Chilliwack, we are just glad the snow, ice, wind and cold weather has eased. Then darn it, on January 31st it snows again. I can't wait for the first signs of spring. We are so pleased that our nomination of Chris Hay UE for the Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Volunteer Award was successful. Chris shared the honour with Christine Manzer UE of Vancouver Branch at a lovely Christmas gathering in December. Congratulations to you both. We so appreciate your efforts on behalf of our branches. Pictures on pages three and four.

Honours were also bestowed on Dr. Peter N. Moogk UE of Vancouver Branch. He was presented with the Governor General of Canada's "Sovereign's Volunteer Medal" on January 18, 2023. See details on page five. Congratulations Peter!

The annual conference dates are getting closer and we need you to register. Please go to page seven for some updated information with regards to the highlights during the Conference and the link to the list of guest speakers and hybrid presentations.

Our branch AGM is scheduled for February 11, 2023 via Zoom. The package of information has already gone out and the Zoom link will follow a few days before the event. See page nine.

You need to be a member to vote, so if you haven't already done so, please go to the final page and renew.

Greetings and welcome back to Abegweit Branch on Prince Edward Island. We are so glad you were able return. I had such a lovely time there at the conference in 2016.

In closing, I would like to send out Happy Birthday wishes Feb. 24th to Shirley Dargatz UE.

Many happy returns. It is so lovely to have a Christmas visit picture of you on page five. We will be sure to include another soon.

Stay safe and well everyone.
 Hope to see you soon or on Zoom at the AGM.

Loyally yours
 Marlene Dance UE



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Calendar of Events for 2023

Print and save with your calendar



Monthly Meetings will be scheduled individually.

Venues may change for each event.

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.

Schedule for 2023:

February 11th	AGM - via Zoom @ 2:00 pm as the weather is so uncertain. Our quorum for doing business is 10 members.
June 24th	Three Berry Social and possible guest speaker
June 1-4	"Where the Sea meets the Sky" Annual Conference in Richmond, BC - please go to www.uelac.ca for hotel info, schedule of events, flight discounts and more.
October TBA	Fall Fleet event.
November 11th	Remembrance Day and luncheon to follow TBA
December	Christmas Gathering to end the year TBA

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to:



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com

Please visit our branch webpage: <http://www.uelac.org/Chilliwack>

Partnering with Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

www.heritagechilliwack.org/

"On the Porch" - beautiful old homes in Chilliwack.
Just Google to find all eight episodes on YouTube.

Featuring:

Hazel House, Carmichael House, Higginson House, Gwynne
Vaughan House, Brock House, Skelton House,
Gibbons House.

As well as District 1881 - the new downtown rejuvenation.



2022 Christmas Gathering with Vancouver Branch

On Sunday, December 11th, seven branch members car-pooled to Burnaby, BC to celebrate Christmas with Vancouver Branch. Everyone contributed to the finger food table with delightful nibbles. The event included over 30 members and friends with lots of visiting, the Zoom participation of a few friends from back east (Trish Groom UE, Dominion President; Liz Adair and David Kanowakeron Hill-Morrison UE); the fun exchange of gifts via a ticket draw and the presentation of the Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Award.

This year we were so pleased that the award was shared by Chris Hay UE of Chilliwack Branch and Christine Manzer UE of Vancouver Branch. They are both invaluable resources to their branches. They contribute in so many ways, that it is not possible list them all. Suffice to say that they help their branches achieve their goals, by volunteering their time and skills in so many ways. Thank you so much! Here are a few pictures from the event.





Presentation of the Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Volunteer Award 2022

I-r: Diane Faris UE; Christine Manzer UE; Carl Stymiest UE; Chris Hay UE; Marlene Dance UE.

(Carl and Diane are on the Selection Committee)

The winners will share the trophy and also receive the certificate shown left below and are wearing the special medallions.

Congratulation Christine and Chris



Thank you to our hostess Christine Manzer UE who offered her home for the gathering. Thanks to everyone for the lovely selection of "nibbles". And thank you to those who sent me pictures. A wonderful time was had by everyone!



Visit with Shirley Dargatz UE.

“I had a very nice visit with my cousin Shirley on the morning of December 28th, 2022. She was her usual warm and welcoming self. During our visit, a lovely young lady came around with a variety of musical instruments. She put on some 50’s music and each resident participated. Shirley (always a lover of music) thoroughly enjoyed it. It was my privilege to watch her perk right up and shake the musical instrument keeping time with the rhythm. This was very special to me. A visit with a dear one”.

Thank you to Judy Schulz UE for the write up and picture of Shirley shaking her maracas.



CONGRATULATIONS !

From Carl Stymiest UE, via the Facebook page of Vancouver Branch UELAC

“Today was an Honour as UELAC Vice President and Chair of the UELAC Volunteer Recognition Committee to be present at Vancouver’s Bessborough Armoury for the Presentation of the Governor General of Canada’s “Sovereign’s Volunteer Medal” to Dr. Peter N. Moogk UE.

Dr Peter Moogk CD, UE, is a highly respected member of the UELAC Vancouver Branch; Professor Emeritus, UBC Department of History, and Major (Ret’d), 15th Field Regiment RCA (2018).

The Sovereign’s Medal and Certificate was presented to Dr. Moogk by Vancouver Quadra MP, The Hon. Joyce Murray. Following the presentation, a reception was held in the Bessborough Armoury Officer’s Mess Hall.

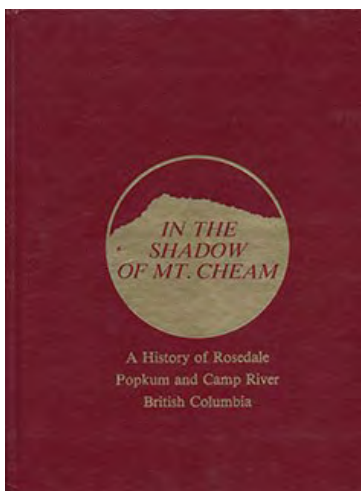
It was an Honour to be able to support Dr. Moogk’s Sovereign’s Volunteer Nomination.”



The Armoury shown at left is located at 2025 W 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC . It was opened 27 March 1934 by the Earl Bessborough, then Governor-General of Canada.



For more great information, please Google “Dr. Peter Moogk” and learn more about his career and the many books he has authored. Thank you Carl.



Local Chilliwack History News:
 Recently at the Chilliwack Library Genealogy Workshop, a number of interesting things were discussed.

We share them with you here:

#1) Download the book at left.

<https://www.fvrd.ca/EN/main/about-the-fvrd/electoral-areas/electoral-area-d.html>

#2) The University of Alberta and digitalized newspapers from various small communities from 1871.

www.peel.library.ualberta.ca/henderson.html

I found a number of things about my family that I didn't know in these Alberta archived newspapers. Please check it out.



Dispossessing Loyalists and Redistributing Property in Revolutionary New York

By Mark Boonshoft September 19, 2016

www.nypl.org/blog/2016/09/19/loyalist-property-confiscation

During the American Revolution, many states passed laws allowing them to seize the property of known Loyalists. So-called "confiscation laws" effectively criminalized dissent against the American Revolution. The seizure and sale of Loyalist property also raised revenue for the state by redistributing property from Loyalists to the rest of the community. New York built one of the most robust confiscation regimes. Their aggressive confiscation law was passed in October of 1779.

This is an A to Z listing of Loyalists in New York whose land was confiscated. Over the past few years, we found a number of names listed here and were able to establish that they deserved to be on our Loyalist rolls.



Time to renew your Membership!

If you have not already done so, please take some time to renew your membership for 2023.

The on-line system is accepting renewals on line at: www.uelac.ca

Sign in and go to your account.

The last page of this newsletter contains information for online renewal or for mail payments.

Thank you so much for your support.
 Check page 2 for our upcoming events.



2023 CONFERENCE INFORMATION

<https://uelac.ca>

Registration available online or download.

Hotel and Venus booking

Flight Booking discounts

Conference Highlight Tours

Watch the two videos:

1) UELAC Conference Committee

2) BC Tourism

Download registration form. Discount available if registered before May 1st.

List of Virtual Presentations & Guest Speakers now available:

<https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/virtual-guest-speakers/>



Highlights of the Hybrid Conference:

Thursday, June 1st - Registration in the Hotel's Main Lobby.

Conference Display and Sales Room will be open

Branch Genealogists meeting in the morning and

Membership meeting in the afternoon

Thursday evening Welcome Reception

Friday, June 2nd - Registration in the Hotel's Main Lobby

Conference Display and Sales Room will be open

Bus Tours arranged by pre registration (incl. Boxed lunch)

If not attending one of the tours lunch is on your own.

Recorded virtual guest speakers

Evening Casual Dinner and Program with entertainment

Saturday, June 3rd - Registration Desk opens before the AGM

2023 Hybrid Annual General Meeting (incl. Coffee Break)

followed by AGM Buffet Luncheon

Gala Banquet (suggest period clothing)

Guest Speaker: the Hon. Steven Lewis Point OBC, Chancellor of the University of British Columbia and former Lt. Gov. of British Columbia

In 2012, as Lt. Gov. of British Columbia, The Hon. Steven Point OBC established an Order in Council 903 for the UELAC Pacific Region, BC Loyalist Day to be celebrated annually on July 22nd.

[The Honourable Steven Lewis Point, OBC, UBC Chancellor | historyproject.allard.ubc.ca](https://historyproject.allard.ubc.ca)

Be sure to wear your dancing shoes for the Scottish Dancing entertainment.

Sunday, June 4th - Church Service at the Hotel conducted by one of our very own members.

“Reconciliation in Today’s World - We pray that justice and reconciliation come to all peoples in the love of the Creator”

Wrap Up Buffet Luncheon - celebrating the 285th anniversary of the Birthday King George III (04 June 1738)

HOSPITALITY SUITE will be open following all evening events. Be sure to visit.

Time to say goodbye till we meet again in 2024 in Cornwall, Ontario!

Black History in Canada

This edition of *Kayak*, featuring guest co-editor Natasha Henry, shares some amazing stories of the ways Black Canadians built and shaped this country.

The United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (2015 to 2024) encourages us to “promote a greater knowledge of and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to the development of societies” and this issue of *Kayak* helps to do just that. that.

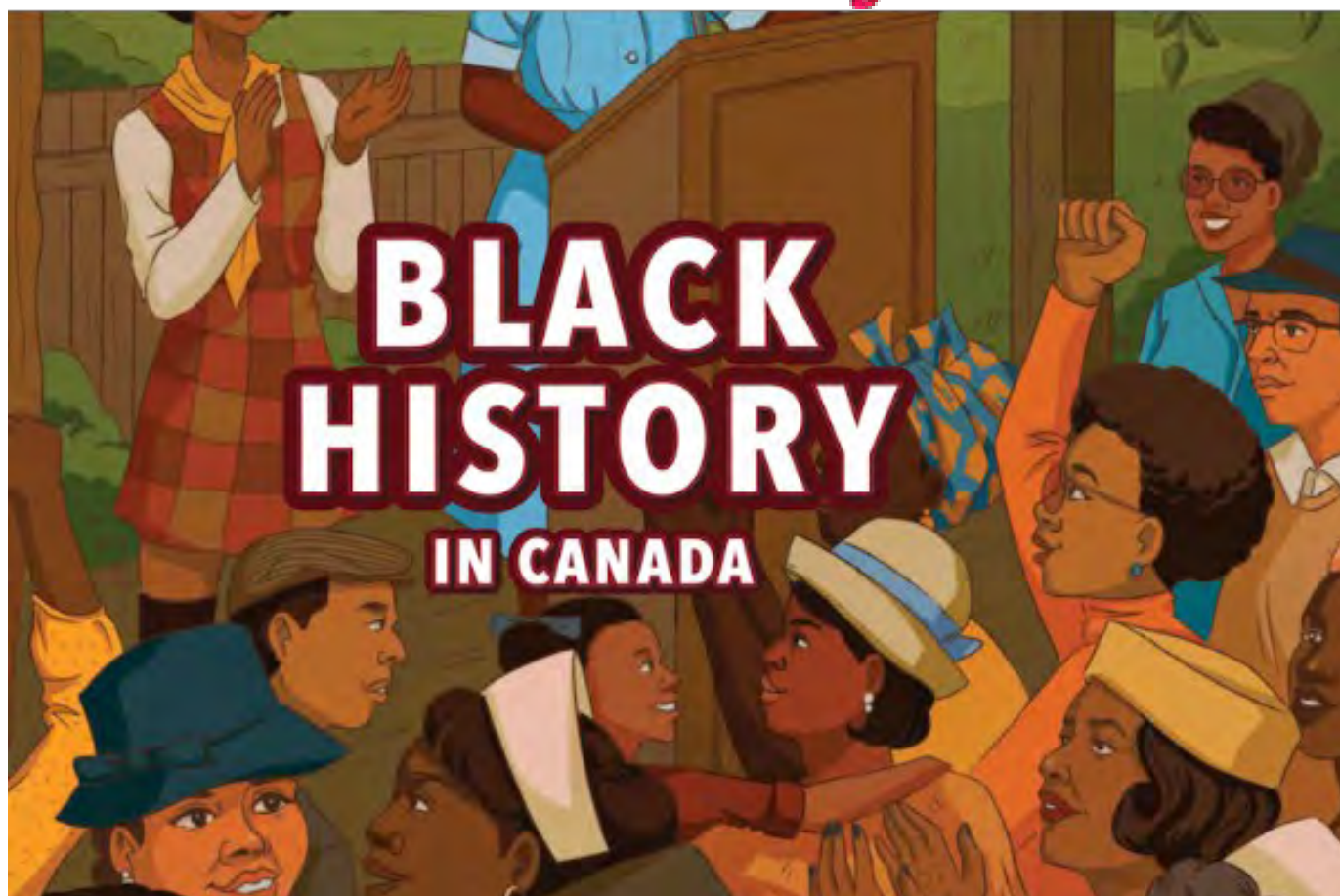
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NOTICE OF AGM SENT for Chilliwack Branch:

Notice was served on January 26th, 2023 by email, advising all members of the Annual General Meeting scheduled for February 11, 2023 at 2:00 pm via Zoom. The AGM package included with this notice contained the Agenda, 2022 Financial Report, Minutes of the 2022 AGM and the Presidents report.



The Agenda is included here for your reference:

UELAC Chilliwack Branch Agenda
Annual General Meeting via Zoom
February 11, 2023

We are honoured to live, work, and play on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Stó:lō Coast Salish peoples.

1. Meeting called to order 2:00 pm
Playing of God Save the King and Parade of Flags on the screen
2. Declaration of Quorum:
3. Introduction of Guests:
4. Happy Birthday wishes sent out to Shirley Dargatz UE.
5. Adoption of the agenda as presented: moved and seconded
6. Adoption of the minutes of the February 26, 2022 AGM - moved and seconded.
7. Adoption of the Financial Report: year ending 2022
Moved and seconded. Any questions.
8. Adoption of reports presented or included in package:
9. The slate of officers presented for the 2023 term is as follows:
President: Marlene Dance UE
Vice President: position vacant
Secretary: Judy Scholz UE
Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE
Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE
Assistant Genealogist: vacant
Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE
Call for nominations from the floor. Election if needed.
10. Appointed positions for 2023:
Past President: Shirley Dargatz UE
Directors: Chris Hay UE
Cindy Lyftogt UE
Margaret Strocel UE
Jan Ouellet
Honourary Branch Members: Shirley Dargatz UE & Marian Reid UE
Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE
Social Conveners: Vicky Heibner UE & Becky Heibner UE as needed
Newsletter Editor: Marlene Dance UE
11. Floor open to questions
12. Adjournment at: _____
Playing of O Canada.

Once all reports are adopted into the record, they will be included in the April, 2023 issue of this Newsletter.



**UELAC CHILLIWACK BRANCH
NEW/RENEW MEMBERSHIP 2023**

Many thanks for your continued support.

Annual dues are as follows:

Individual Memberships: \$40.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$55.00

Student Memberships (25 yrs. or younger Name of school/university below) = \$15.00

Family Membership: \$55.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$70.00

(A Family membership is for all persons residing at the same address)

If already a member of another branch = \$15.00

Please indicate name of branch: _____

If it is July 1st or later, the membership fee for the balance of the year is ½ price.

Please make your cheque payable to UELAC – Chilliwack Branch

Your Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____

Loyalist Ancestor (s) if known: _____

Membership Fees: Please circle the membership category chosen above.

Please mail to Marlene Dance UE, President

5546 Highroad Crescent

Chilliwack, BC V2R 3X9

OR Please use our online New/Renewal at: www.uelac.ca

Your membership includes receiving a copy of our Magazine "The Gazette" twice yearly, 6 issues of the "Link UP" – the Chilliwack Branch newsletter as well as email reminders for events, sign ups and items of interest.

Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires that our Branch have your consent for us to contact you electronically. By joining our Branch, you are consenting to receive electronic communications from us. You may ask us to remove you from the group email list at any time by replying to one of our communications and asking us to remove you.

If mailing in: Please return this form with your membership.