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President's Notes

2015 has been an eventful year for the Vancouver Branch UELAC. Since we did not have nominations for President or Vice President at last year's AGM, it was decided that Gwen Dumfries and myself would continue serving as Branch Co-Presidents for 2015. Gwen and I further decided that we would conduct the business of the president on a quarterly basis. Since we are in the 4th quarter of this year, it befalls upon me to complete this year as acting co-president.

Time does fly by and here we are at our AGM, ready to hear reports and look-back and prepare the branch for 2016. As Nomination Chairperson, stated by our By-Laws, it is the role of the Past President; that's my OTHER hat I wear, when Gwen is presiding in the chair. In that role it is my responsibility to find, cajole, strong-arm, lobby individuals to let their names stand for official Executive positions within the organization. I am pleased to announce that I will be presenting a FULL-SLATE of branch executive nominations. Those names who have been put forward for Vice President normally move into the President's in the future. This is important, to build the continuity of the branch Executive for successive years.

At this time it is most important to recognize those who contribute to the Executive function of our organization offering advice and, of course, volumes of time in making this branch one of the most active branches within the Association. Gwen and I would like to thank the entire executive for their hard work, dedication and support this past year.

2015 has also been a very busy year for the branch as we worked towards the "Loyalist Come West 2015" National Conference hosted by Victoria Branch and sponsored by the 4 Pacific Regional branches. The 2015 Conference was a huge and resounding success with significant profits shared by all branches.

Outreach & Education under the chairperson, Mary Anne Bethune is an important integral part of the workings of our branch. Through Outreach & Education, we talk the talk, and walk the walk, as we educate the vision for our Association. We try to make people aware of our Canadian history and most importantly our Loyalist Ancestry. 2015 was no exception. Our participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, as well as the BC Highland Games, our Loyalist Day Celebration, Fur Brigade Days, HRM Queen Elizabeth II's Milestone, for the Longest-Reigning Monarch Celebration, Tri-Stakes, and Remembrance Day Ceremonies are to list a few of our yearly events.

Further to the Outreach & Education activities by the branch, we continue our monthly regular meetings with Special Guests and Speakers. Several years previous, we began participating in the BC Heritage Fairs as adjudicators and facilitators. This event alone has become an annual tradition as we invite our Vancouver Branch BC Heritage Fair Award winners from the BC Regional Heritage Fair to come to our September meeting and present their heritage and history projects. This year we had 11 participants.

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Vancouver Executive:

President: Carl Stymiest U.E.

Vice-President: Diane Faris U.E.

2nd Vice-President: Christine Manzer U.E.

Secretary: Christine Manzer U.E.

Treasurer: Gwen Dumfries U.E.

Membership: Linda Watson U.E.

Outreach and Education: Mary Anne Bethune U.E.

Branch Genealogist: Linda Nygard U.E.

Newsletter: Diane Faris U.E.

Christmas Tea & Social

This year the Christmas Tea was held at the home of Christine Manzer U.E., with members bringing sweet or savoury finger food to share, and Christine providing hot punch, tea, and coffee, and other goodies, we didn't want for anything. Carl Stymiest U.E. and Mavis Pickett U.E. provided entertainment, and we had a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who helped with our lucky draw. Thank You, Christine for hosting us!



2015 BC Heritage Fairs and Vancouver Branch UELAC Outreach



Vancouver District Winners at the Vancouver Branch September Meeting

The season of 2015 BC Heritage Regional Fairs is now completed and the Vancouver Branch UELAC was in full support. Students, the BC Heritage Volunteer Coordinator for Vancouver, parents and the general-public were invited throughout the process.

The months of March, April and early May was the scene of adjudicating and interviewing approximately over 1230 student projects in 11 schools and 44 classes participating in Grades 4-7 (Vancouver District). This year we were overwhelmed with the calibre of heritage and history projects. By the time the Regional Heritage Fair was completed, we decided to award 15 distinguished projects.



Aareb Meher—The Fur Trade

After two days of interviews, the adjudicators selected 60 from 210 entries to move forward to the Provincial Heritage Fair to be held at Victoria, BC in early July.

It is after each district's Regional Heritage Fair that the Vancouver Branch UELAC presents the Award to their chosen winning student(s) a Certificate of Excellence. The following list of [Vancouver District Winners](#) presented their projects to the Vancouver Branch members on 15 September at the fall regular meeting. Each student received the following prizes: The Vancouver Branch UELAC Award of Excellence Certificate, a Canadian flag, Canadian bookmark, War of 1812 heritage pin, a BC Provincial pin, a GR III Cypher pin and a new Loyalist book, "The United Empire Loyalists" (Coming to Canada Series) by Sara Mitchell.

At the regular scheduled meeting of the Vancouver Branch UELAC in September 2015, we had 11 of the fifteen winners present their projects to our UELAC membership. The students and their families enjoyed the evening of exciting presentations followed with a reception hosted by branch members.

If you are interested in adjudicating for 2016, you can find the date and location of the Fair nearest you on the [British Columbia Heritage Fair Society \(BCHFS\)](#) web site calendar.



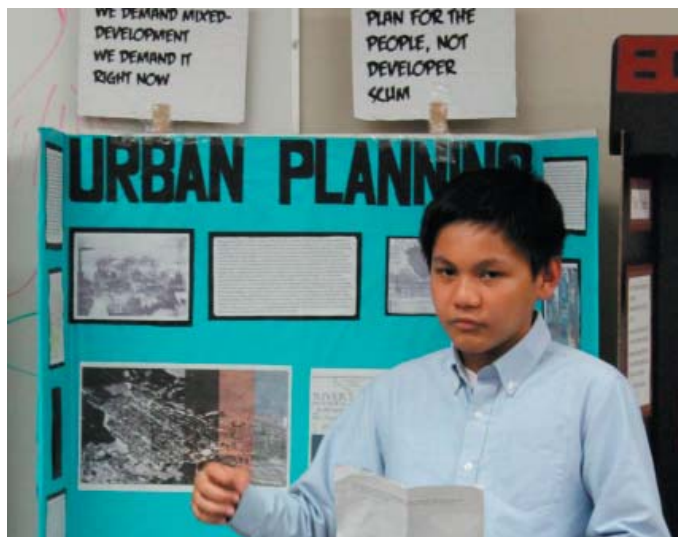
Julia Grabovoc—Residential Schools

What the BC Heritage Fair seeks to accomplish...

Authentic Audience, Authentic Inquiry

Traditionally in social studies, students using the INQUIRY method, plan, create and display their work for an audience of one: the teacher. At a Heritage Fair, however, they publicly showcase their research to other students, parents, adjudicators, and the public. This definitely gives a more authentic audience and can motivate students to "up their game".

The 10-15 minute interviews with the adjudicators/judges help students articulate what they learned and how they learned. Emily Mittertreiner, a former 2013 UELAC Vancouver Branch Award winner gave prospective students some good advice on how to prepare for the interviews: “Make sure that before your presentation, you really know exactly how your topic has affected Canadian history, or maybe talk about what it would be like if your event or person had suddenly disappeared from history. Would we be better off? Or maybe, worse off?”



Mark Peralta—*Urban Planning*

Provincial Heritage Fair in places such as, Kelowna, Barkerville, Victoria and this year in Kamloops, BC. Normally about 60 students present their projects to a varied audience.

C. Stymiest UE,
Co-President Vancouver Branch
Chairperson, Vancouver Branch Heritage Fairs Committee

Romy Cooper and Graeme Cotton, two Heritage Fair teachers have a series of questions for judges that encourage students to reflect on their learning. For example, what evidence exists that supports your conclusion? What new skills did you acquire over the course of this project? How has this project changed your thinking about the topic?

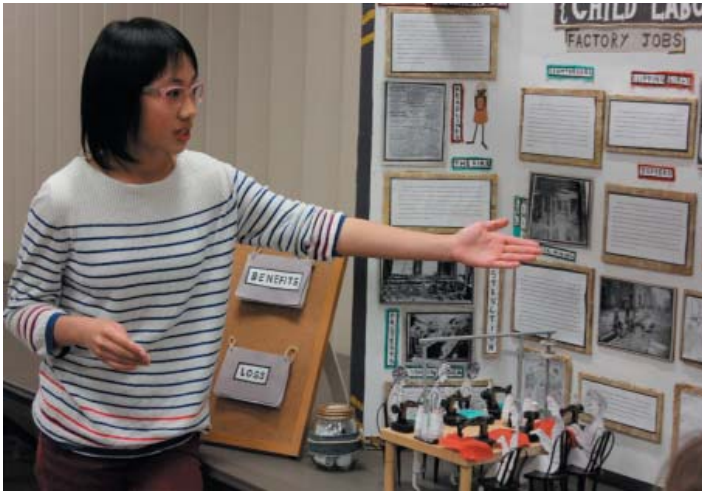
This past summer in Vancouver from July 7 to 12 2015, the Historical Thinking Summer Institute provided teachers and museum educators an opportunity to deepen their understanding of how to design courses and exhibits and teach using the Inquiry Method and Historical Thinking, the core of the new social studies curriculum.

Student Heritage Fair are held in many school districts across the province and have met annually in July for the

BC HERITAGE FAIR WINNERS 2015—TOP UELAC AWARD WINNERS 2015

The students who presented at our September meeting were 11 of 15 students who won the 2015 Vancouver Branch UELAC Award for their heritage and history presentations held in the Spring of this year. Each year we invite the winners to come to our meeting, grace us with their presence, and presentations. We Thank you, your parents and families on behalf of our UELAC membership for coming this evening. The winners in no particular order are:

Project	Student	School
Help Wanted (Child Labour)	Amy Lui - Grade 7	Fleming
Hogan's Alley	Abrielle Chan - Grade 6	Techumseh
The War that Nobody Won	Ryan Keating - Grade 6	General Gordon
Fur Trade	Areeb Meher - Grade 6	Maple Grove
Residential Schools	Julia Grabovoc - Grade 7	Osler
The Gabriola Mansion	Vincent Wong - Grade 6	Edith Cavelle
Urban Planning	Mark Peralta - Grade 7	Osler
Edmonton Fur Tannery	Olivia N. - Grade 7	Edith Cavelle
Battle of the Plains of Abraham	Amina Guo - Grade 7	Cook Elementary
Vancouver Reborn	Azia Bragg - Grade 5	
Chinese Immigration	Judy Li - Grade 5	Techumseh



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Ryan Keating—*The War that Nobody Won*



Olivia N.—*Edmonton Fur Tannery*



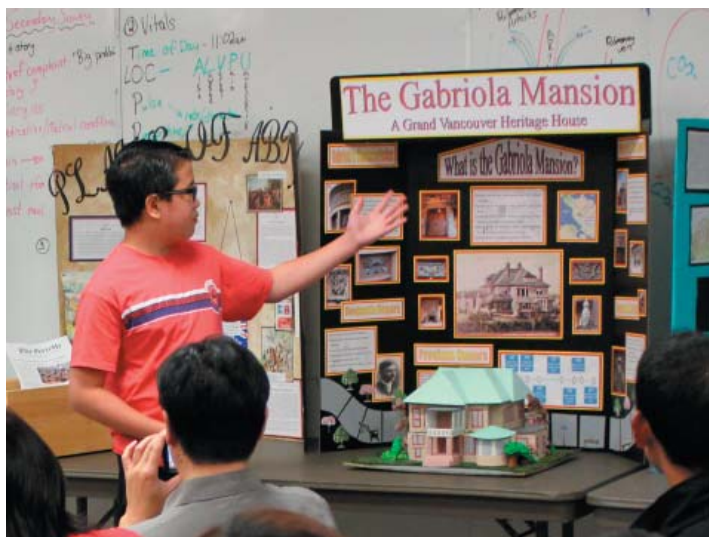
Abrielle Chan—*Hogan's Alley*



Azia Bragg—*Vancouver Reborn*



Judy Li—*Chinese Immigration*



Vincent Wong — *The Gabriola Mansion*



Amina Guo — *Plains of Abraham*



Mary Anne Bethune U.E. thanks Janet Morley

A big thank you also to the students for their wonderful presentations!

Tri-Stakes

Members of the Vancouver Branch attended the Tri-Stakes October 17, 2015.



The display was well-received and much interest was shown in the display and in Loyalist history and period dress. The Tri-Stakes is an annual event held by the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Surrey, B.C.



Christine Manzer U.E. and Gwen Dumfries U.E.

President's Report (continued from page 1)

Our Social events were well rounded out with the Pacific Regional National Conference in Victoria in May, The Chilliwack Three-Berry Tea, and the Fall 25th Anniversary Celebration for the Chilliwack Branch, the Fur Brigade Days Summer Picnic, and our up-coming annual Christmas Tea.

It takes a team to make all this happen and Gwen and I want to thank all of you who participated in making it happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Co Chair-Presidents: Gwen Dumfries UE & Carl Stymiest UE

Remembrance Day

Donna Little U.E. and Diane Faris U.E. laid a cross at the cenotaph in New Westminster, as part of their Remembrance Day service. After the service, Vancouver Branch members went for lunch at the Pantry Restaurant in New Westminster.





Regional Vice-President, Diane Faris U.E. meets new Vancouver Branch member, Carl Larsen



Carl Stymiest U.E., Donna Little U.E., Carl Larsen, and Diane Faris U.E. at the New Westminster Cenotaph

Annual General Meeting

The Vancouver Branch held its Annual General Meeting in November. New Executive members are: President: Carl Stymiest U.E., 1st Vice-President: Diane Faris U.E., 2nd Vice-President: Christine Manzer U.E., Secretary: Christine Manzer U.E., Treasurer: Gwen Dumfries U.E., Membership: Linda Watson U.E., Outreach and Education: Mary Anne Bethune U.E., Branch Genealogist: Linda Nygard U.E., Newsletter: Diane Faris U.E.

At the Regular Meeting following the AGM, we continued the November Meeting tradition of honouring our soldiers. Chris Dumfries showed slides and talked about his recent trip to the Netherlands, on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands.

Our New Flag

I got the idea when we were in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Right behind us were the 78th Fraser Highlanders who were portraying the same time period as ourselves. They wore historically authentic clothing, carried one large flag that was sewn from natural fabric and pulled a cannon from that era. They looked classy with these very few quality objects.

We have four different nylon flags of the eras that we represent. But I thought we should at least get an Appliqué Sewn cotton flag representing the United Empire Loyalists. The Loyalist flag is also called the "Queen Anne" flag. Our lovely Anne Grier-son U.E. had given a donation to our branch so we will name the flag in her honour.

Linda Watson U.E.



Thanks to our Branch Photographer, Linda Nygard!

All the photos in this newsletter, unless otherwise credited are by Linda Nygard U. E. Thank you, Linda for taking photos at all our events while the rest of us are too busy enjoying ourselves to remember to take photos.

The UELAC Vancouver Branch collection is gifted to the British Columbia Genealogical Society (BCGS) Walter Draycott Library

With the goal of finding a new home for the UELAC Library and with the many common interests of the BCGS and the UELAC – indeed with many people members of each group - it was proposed that the new home for the library books be within the Walter Draycott Library.

But before we mention the success of that proposal it is important to acknowledge the fine librarianship that was done by Vancouver Branch members acquiring and organizing this collection of books and related materials. The Excel spreadsheet contained all standard bibliographic fields. Each book had been given an accession number and a property stamp. The boxes were given a “filing area” label on the outside which will assist the BCGS shelve the books once they determine the most suitable place for the collection since they intend to keep it together in one area.

The BCGS Board voted unanimously to accept the UELAC Library Collection. Plans are underway to prepare a suitable space within the Library and we hope to have the books available early in the New Year. The BCGS looks forward to UEL members researching their ancestors at the Walter Draycott Library. All that is required is for the UELAC Vancouver Branch member to present their current membership card to the daily duty volunteer to gain access to the UELAC Vancouver Branch Library Collection and the extensive BCGS holdings. Please visit our website www.bcgsc.ca/ for information regarding the days and hours when the Library is open.

Much of the UE collection is new to BCGS and will greatly add to the research experience of those visiting the BCGS Walter Draycott Library in Surrey. The library is at 128th and 76th Avenue and is on a transit route.

Our Branch will maintain an Affiliate Society membership in the BCGS and members will have free access during regular opening hours just by presenting their current UE membership card.

Moving day was dry and crisp. A number of Vancouver Branch members were on hand at the Storage unit to assist with the move and to follow the truck to Surrey. When the boxes were settled in the available spaces we enjoyed a tour of the library and research area to ensure that we were all aware of the value of the full Walter Draycott Library to the common work we do of knowing and understanding our ancestors and the Canadian history we share and love.

Photos on this page by Christine Manzer U.E.



UELAC Vancouver Branch Library Collection in Storage



Back issues of The Loyalist Gazette in Storage

Library Moving Day

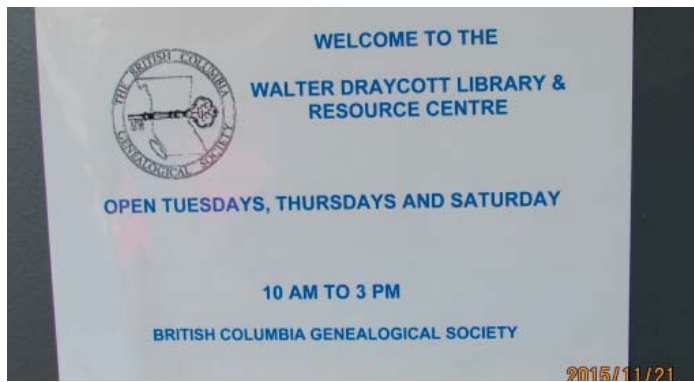


The moving crew - Volunteers from the UELAC Vancouver Branch and the BC Genealogical Society helped with the move. Left to right: Bill Claydon, Gwen Dumfries U.E., Diane Faris U.E., Judith Ueland, Kenneth Livingstone, Carl Stymiest U.E. and Christine Manzer U.E. (Photo by friendly bystander)



*Carl and Bill securing the load
(Photos by Christine Manzer U.E.)*

After we unloaded the truck at the Walter Draycott Library, Judith was kind enough to give us a tour of the library.



Our boxes of books arrive at the Walter Daycott Library



Our boxes of books in their new home at the Walter Daycott Library



Carl and Diane on Judith's tour of the Library

Photos by Christine Manzer U.E.

Best of 2015

Why not celebrate the New Year by checking out a list of the best genealogy collections and initiatives in 2015. Who knows, maybe this will kick-start your research for 2016 or break down one of those brick walls. Go to <http://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=12539> and have a look.

Certificate Presentations

Vancouver Branch Genealogist, Linda Nygard U.E. presented U.E. Certificates to Denny Lloyd and his son, Brian.



*Linda Nygard U.E., Vancouver Branch Genealogist, presents U.E. Certificates to Denny and Brian
(Photo by family member)*

Thank You, Judith

Tribute was paid to Vancouver Branch retiring Treasurer, Judith Ueland at our January Executive meeting. Thanks, Judith for keeping us on financial track.



Above: Mary Anne Bethune, U.E. presents a thank you gift to Judith Ueland



Left: Denny and Brian with their family

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars:

February 13, 2016 - February Regular Meeting

It's Black History Month. Our guest speaker is Yasin Kiraga Misago, president of the United Black Canadian Community Association.

March. We will not have an entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year, but interested members are invited to join the BCGS entry.

Other Upcoming Regular Meetings:

April 19, 2016 – Speaker to be announced

May 17, 2016 – Speaker to be announced

June 18, 2016 (Saturday) BC Highland Games

June 21, 2016 – Speaker Diane Rogers, co-founder and president of the BCGS's DNA Group

Let's Try that Again

The photo caption on page 3 of the Fall Newsletter mistakenly misidentified Craig in the photo. The photo caption should have read as follows:



Vancouver Branch members enjoying the Thursday night reception at Government House; Left to right: Diane Faris U.E., Craig Barraclough, Donna Little U.E., Carl Stymiest U.E., Linda Watson U.E., Mary Anne Bethune U.E., Linda Drake U.E., Judith Ueland, Audrey Viken U.E., Rebecca Fraser U.E.

UELAC AGM and Conference - Loyalists, Lighthouses, and Lobsters

The conference this year is in Summerside, P.E.I., July 7 - 10. Hotel and programme information is available at www.uelac.org/Conference-2016/Atlantic-Conference-2016.php. Registration forms should be available soon.

For Sale Vancouver Branch Book

Moving Ever Westward: Loyalist Descendants
Come to British Columbia by Dr. Peter Moogk, 2nd Edition is for sale from the UELAC, Vancouver Branch. Books are available from the Vancouver Branch for \$35, including postage.

Order from: Carl Stymiest, U.E.

cstymiest@gmail.com.

Armorial Badge Craft Charts

The Armorial Badge of the UELAC was issued in 1973 by the College of Arms, London, England. The Badge was interpreted and charted in 1983 by Mrs. Phyllis J. Sutton U.E. VSA as the bicentennial project of the Vancouver Branch. Mrs. Sutton was a graduate of Interior Decoration and Design, Vancouver School of Art.

The chart is suitable for framed pictures, wall hangings, afghans or hooked rugs. The design may be worked in needlepoint, petit point, or cross stitch.

The Members' Badge Chart with UEL letters across the bottom is 82 stitches wide by 97 rows long, containing 11 colour symbols. The cost for the Chart is \$5.00 including postage. Order from:

Gwen Dumfries U.E. at cgdumfries@shaw.ca.

Vancouver Branch 2014 Pins

Vancouver Branch 2014 Anniversary pins are available for \$10.00, including postage.

Order from: Gwen Dumfries U.E. at cgdumfries@shaw.ca.



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Newsletter Submissions

Thanks to everyone who sent in items for the next Newsletter. Please send submissions for the next newsletter to Diane Faris at faris45@telus.net