

2022 Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Award Presentation took place at the combined Vancouver /Chilliwack Branch Christmas gathering. Recipients Chris Hay UE, Chilliwack Branch and Christine Manzer UE, Vancouver Branch were honoured with kind words about their accomplishments that led to the nomination and selection for the award. Each received a medallion and certificate. The date and name of each winner is on the trophy.

To learn more about the award and Mr. Leith see:
<https://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/Leithaward.php>



L-R: Diane Faris UE, Christine Manzer UE, Carl Stymiest UE, Christopher Hay UE and Marlene Dance UE.

Photo credit: Linda Nygard UE for all party photos.



Carl Stymiest UE will be calling for 2023 Leith Award Nominations in January with a deadline for nominations by 30 April 2023. Presentation at the UELAC Conference.

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See more photos on our UELAC Vancouver Branch private Facebook page.

Notice of Annual General Meeting
6:30 pm: Zoom sign in and optional pre-meeting visit.
7:00 pm: Call to Order.
Tuesday February 21, 2023



VANCOUVER BRANCH United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

As a valued Member of the Vancouver Branch we want you to know about our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Branch abides by the Societies Act, which is the governance framework for all not-for-profit societies in British Columbia. You are receiving this notice as part of our duty to provide Members with 21-day advance notice of our AGM.

Notice is hereby given that the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Branch UELAC will be held online via Zoom Video Communications on Tuesday February 21, 2023 with Zoom sign-in starting at 6:30 and the call to order at 7:00 pm for the following purposes:

1. To receive the reports of the directors and the accounts up to 31 December 2022
2. Call for nominations for 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary.

* Note: Our current 1st VP has accepted the position of President for 2023/2024. Our Treasurer will continue into the coming year.

Christine E. Manzer UE (Nominations Committee Chair)

3. To appoint or confirm committee chairs and facilitators as follows:

- Genealogist: Linda Nygard UE
- Membership: Glenn Smith UE
- Heritage Fair: to be determined if VSB continues the program.
- Newsletter editor: vacant
- Social Media including Webmaster liaison: Christine Manzer UE
- Archivist: Carl Stymiest UE
- Membership email list: Linda Nygard UE
- Coffee/Hospitality: Ed Curylo & Rose Marie Curylo UE
- Leith Award Committee: C. Stymiest UE, Diane Faris UE, Donna & Kirra Little UE.
- Branch Poet Laureate: Kirra Little UE

By order of the Executive
Dated January 2023.

Secretary
Linda Drake UE

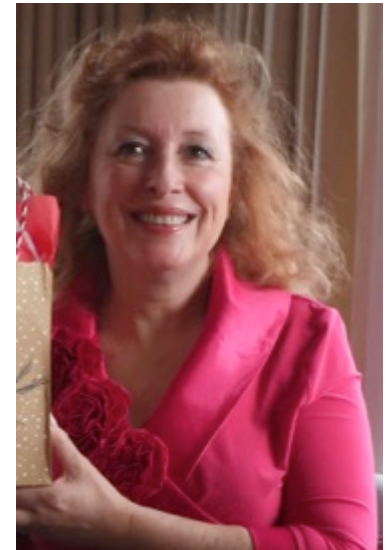
Note: All are welcome.

Paid- up members for 2023 will be entitled to vote at the meeting.
Agenda and Zoom link will be forwarded closer to February 21, 2023

A message from our Branch President Coco

I am sure everyone will agree that the past few years have been very strange. I wanted to follow tradition and hold our General and Executive meetings in person, but my 'duty of care' prevented that. I don't know one person who hasn't lost at least one friend to the terrifying and unpreventable Covid-19.

My heart goes out to our UE ancestors who experienced losses from another pandemic. In their case it was called Smallpox. My own 5X Great Uncle, John Freeman, the man after whom the Second Battle of Saratoga, the Battle of Freeman's Farm was named, not only lost his life and his wife, but his entire family save three young children to that horrible disease. Young Thomas was only 12 years old and already a messenger for the Crown. Almost an entire branch of a family was annihilated. I find it humbling to sit here, some 244 years later and research and write about that plague, all the while enduring one ourselves.



On September 8, 2022, the only sovereign many of us have known, Queen Elizabeth II, passed away after seventy years of being our stalwart leader. Some eleven days later, on September 19, 2022, she was laid to rest. This was the anniversary of the death of my 5X Great Grandfather. John Burley died on September 19, 1777, at the Battle of Freeman's Farm, fighting for her majesty's 3rd great-grandfather, King George III.

I'm sure we will all be glued to the television screen on Saturday May 6, 2023, to watch King Charles III's upcoming Coronation. The ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey, London. It will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.



Then, within only three and a half weeks, the four Pacific Region Branches of the UELAC will be hosting the 2023 Conference - "Where the Sea Meets the Sky", June 1-4, 2023, in Richmond, British Columbia. I've seen the itinerary and I know it's going to be an exciting four days. After our UE ancestors endured one pandemic and we survived another, we will be ready to get together and enjoy in-person company. I know I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

Coco Aders-Weremczuk
President, UELAC Vancouver Branch,



"Where the Sea Meets the Sky"

There will be a nametag for you when you register for the 2023 UELAC Dominion Hybrid Conference and AGM - **Thursday June 1st to Sunday, June 4th 2023**

Hosted by Pacific Region Branches of the UELAC at the 4-Star Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel and Conference Centre located in Richmond.

<https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/>

Congratulations Loyalist descendent, you have your UE certificate.... but can you do more to help keep the branch active?

Each Branch across Canada needs a strong executive to ensure an active and interesting branch for members to belong to.

In the many years since our 1932 Charter, UELAC Vancouver Branch members have stepped forward to keep the branch alive. There is no beating around the bush.... we seriously need nominations and volunteers for 2023.

Please nominate yourself or someone you think could contribute and fill these roles and keep our Branch alive.

We have 3 very important vacant positions on the Executive that need to be filled in 2023.

Each of these people would have the privilege of working with our soon to be President, **Christopher Wilcott UE** starting in February 2023. Please consider stepping forward. Let the past-president, Christine Manzer (in the role of Nominations Committee) know that you would at least like to chat about one of these opportunities. (cemanzer@mac.com)

2nd Vice President: A two-year term moving forward to 1st Vice President. This is a good length of time for the learning curve.

1st Vice President: A two-year term moving forward to President.

Recording Secretary to take notes at meetings and prepare minutes. This position also collects items, keeping them safe in a binder until they can be archived by the City of Vancouver Archives.

The President remains on the Executive as Past President and provides excellent support because of their experience having gone through the roles themselves.

As much as we enjoy meeting together, Zoom technology has given us a virtual option that makes it easier for the Executive to meet and avoid nighttime driving and those high gas prices. A grant from UELAC Dominion will allow us to purchase equipment to hold hybrid general meetings.



Message from the editor, Christine Manzer UE

This issue of The Pacific Loyalist is the final one for me as editor.

It has been both fun and challenging. I was still the branch president when Covid-19 forced us to cancel our March 2020 meeting. At that point it seemed to me that reviving the Branch newsletter might help keep us connected.

Now almost 2 years later I would like to turn this over to anyone with an interest in communication. During my time we were fortunate to have a new masthead developed by Susan Sullivan. It would be wonderful if this continues to be used.

I had never done anything like this prior to that first issue... I am also just a phone call or email away for assistance to the new editor. Please consider this even as a guest editor for an issue or two. There is no expected number of issues per year.

Sign in to uelac.ca and have a look at the variety of UELAC newsletters from across Canada available for your inspiration.

<https://uelac.ca/members/branch-newsletters/>



How long have you been a member of the Vancouver Branch?

We are so grateful for long-term members.

Our "Classic Membership List" maintained by Linda Nygard UE has the true start dates of all current members. Here are a few names we wish to thank and celebrate:

- Dr. Peter N. Moogk UE joined the branch in 1981
- Dr. Gerald R. Brown UE has been a member since 1992.
- Mary Anne Bethune UE joined in 1998
- Audrey Viken UE and Carl Stymiest UE both joined the branch in 1999.

When you sign into your account on uelac.ca you might notice that there is a default start date on your paid membership receipt.

Maintaining a database such as CiviCRM is a lot of work and the upgrades often revert data to default information.

Below is an example of the "default" Membership Start Date.

Individual Membership Information from a typical CiviCRM receipt:

Membership Type: Vancouver - Individual
 Membership Start Date: March 27th, 2019
 Membership End Date: December 31st, 2023



On a recent visit to Palm Springs, our Genealogist Linda Nygard UE visited Catherine Roberti UE and presented her with her UE pin and ribbon. Catherine's certificate for Loyalist **Joseph Holder** had been mailed to California from the Dominion office.

Jan Young UE from Vancouver WA sent Linda this message when the certificates for his daughters arrived in the mail:



"They just came, kids super excited about them!

Thank you again for all your work. We all appreciate it."

Their Loyalist is **Abial Haskins**



Long-term Branch member and published author Gerry Brown and his wife Janet at the Christmas party.

Highlights of a chat during a BCGS Zoom meeting. The guest speakers were

Heather Gordon and **Bronwyn Smyth** of the City of Vancouver Archives.



2022 Year-end report from Linda Nygard UE, Vancouver Branch Genealogist.

I truly enjoy working with you on your applications and proofs. I learn so much about your Loyalist(s) that I feel a real connection to your Loyalist families. When I happen upon one of your ancestor names, I think of you. Those elusive "missing proofs" can be very frustrating, but those "bingo" moments make it all worthwhile.



Congratulations to Vancouver Branch members who received their certificates in 2022:

- **Tina-Marie Storms Martin UE** for Loyalist Christopher/Christian Peterson
- **Tina-Marie Storms Martin UE** for Loyalist Nicholas Peterson
- **Doug McCallum UE** for Loyalist Richard Price
- **Doug McCallum UE** for Loyalist William Wright
- **Mason Morris UE** for Loyalist John Carl * Janet White UE's youngest grandchildren
- **Hayley Morris UE** for Loyalist John Carl
- **Trey Higgins UE** for Loyalist Frederick Praught
- **Trey Higgins UE** for Loyalist John Burhoe
- **Maggie Young UE** for Loyalist Abial Haskins
- **Lucy Young UE** for Loyalist Abial Haskins
- **Catherine Roberti UE** for Loyalist Jacob Holder
- **Diane Faris UE** for Loyalist John Buchner

Applications Finished - waiting for signatures:

- **Glenn Johnson** for Loyalist Rulof Rulofson
- **Drew Johnston** for Loyalist Rulof Rulofson
- **Caden Johnston** for Loyalist Rulof Rulofson
- **Lily Johnston** for Loyalist Rulof Rulofson
- **Marianne Drake** for Loyalist William Drake (Waiting for Birth Record-ordered)
- **Doug McCallum UE** for Loyalist Duncan Robertson

A number of members are in final stages of their applications - some missing a final proof. Glenn Smith UE for William Bush Sr. and others, Carl Stymiest UE for Duncan MacRae, Tina-Marie Storm Martin UE for Martin Shewman and others, Brad Lingley for Joseph Lingley, Larry Peters UE for Thomas Grimmer, Brad Cunningham for Johann DeBeck, Richard Cosby for Thomas Flewelling, Nancy Fetterly Johnson for John Hans Casselman, Gerry Brown UE for his Wager Loyalist for his grandchildren, Gerry Brown UE for William Bell and Edward Carscallen. There are others who are also well on their way to proving their Loyalists.

Wishing you a happy 2023

Linda

The Pacific Loyalist is your newsletter. Suggestions, comments and stories are needed. Photographs taken at meetings and events by our Branch photographers may appear in this newsletter. Those who do not want their photos used should let the photographer know.

Vancouver Branch Executive February 2022 – February 2023

President & Director: Coco Aders-Weremczuk

1st Vice President & Director: Christopher Wilcott UE

2nd Vice President & Director: [vacant]

Treasurer & Director: M. Diane Rogers

Secretary & Director: Linda Drake UE

Genealogist: Linda Nygard, UE

