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YHMA Conference To Celebrate Northern Governments

Revolution!!!??? In the Yukon? In Alaska? When? Where? Who?
So...if you want to learn more about these intriguing ideas come to the fall heritage conference partnered by YHMA and Yukon College with the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Yukon Legislative Assembly from October 22-25.



We'll be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Wholly Elected Yukon Legislative Assembly, the 50th anniversary of Alaska statehood, and the 30th anniversary of the Epp Letter, which brought responsible government to the Yukon. We'll hear about the impacts of these developments on Alaska Native people and Yukon First Nations and some of their responses to these events.

Speakers will include an array of Elders, pioneers, politicians, youth, historians and other northern researchers. Sessions will include discussions on the differences between the governance models adopted and adapted in Alaska and the Yukon, the struggles between national and local officials over decision-making in northern communities, youth involvement in government and much more.

Panelists will include Carcross-Tagish First Nation citizen, administrator and educator Marilyn Jensen, who will discuss Yukon First Nations governance models from Aboriginal to current times.

Our Youth Participation in Governance session on Friday afternoon will feature Ilona Dougherty, who was raised in Yukon and is now a youth activist on the national and international scene; Mike Pawlowski and Adrien Triebel from the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and Yukon College student Kenny Lindsay who served on the College Board of Governors. **Continued on Pg. 2**

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On Friday evening the annual Aron Senkpiel Lecture is entitled: *People Who Carried the Day* and will feature former Yukon MP Audrey McLaughlin as Moderator; Alaska Native Elder Isaac Juneby from the Han community in Eagle Alaska; Vic Fischer from Anchorage who is one of the pioneers of the Alaska Statehood Movement; Judy Gingell who went to Ottawa in 1973 with the delegation of Yukon First Nations to present their Yukon land claims to Prime Minister Trudeau and later served as Chair of the Council for Yukon Indians and Commissioner of the Yukon; plus Ken McKinnon, former Yukon Council Member and Commissioner of the Yukon.

On Saturday morning we will honour the 100th anniversary of the Elected Yukon Legislative Assembly and the 50th anniversary of Alaska Statehood. An evening Banquet will be held at the Yukon Legislative Assembly, in the foyer of the Yukon Government Building. Our Keynote Speaker will be the Honourable Jake Epp, former Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, whose famous "Epp Letter" established responsible government in the Yukon in 1979.

On Sunday morning the Yukon Archives is hosting a Northern Research Workshop, featuring archivists, librarians and researchers from Alaska and the Yukon illuminating the myriad new reference tools on-line, followed by What's Up with Northern Research, a round table featuring reports on some of the latest research projects under way in our region.

Registration is filling up quickly, call to reserve your spot today!

Don't forget to visit us online:

www.heritageyukon.ca
www.heritageyukon.ca

yhma.wordpress.com



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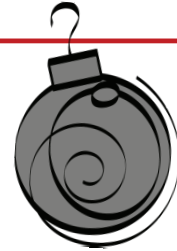
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◇Deadline

◇Event

◇Holiday

October 29

MacBride Museum (page 11 for more)

Haunted Museum Halloween Party for Kids 5-7 p.m. call for registration

Website: www.macbridemuseum.com

For more info: (867) 667-2709

October 29

Yukon Transportation Museum

Michael Gates– Dalton Trail lecture 7pm

October 31

Transportation Museum

Hulaween Party for families 11am-2pm

Website: www.goytm.ca

For more info: (867) 668-4792

November 11 Remembrance Day

November 18 Heritage Training Fund deadline

December 12

MacBride Museum

Old Fashion Family Christmas Celebration (page 11 for more)

Website: www.macbridemuseum.com

Phone: (867) 667-2709

December 25 Christmas

December 26 Boxing Day

Ongoing events:

MacBride Museum - Baby Animal Preschool Program– Fridays 10-11am -MacBride Museum

MacBride Museum - Yukoner Days the third Thursday of each month; Yukoners with proof of residency get in free!

New at the Donnenworth House...

YHMA would like to thank Erin Wall for her contributions during her time as Executive Director and wish her all the best for her new adventure in Edmonton.

A warm welcome to Tracey Anderson, our new Executive Director. (see pg. 5 for more)



Message from the Minister of Tourism and Culture

As Minister of Tourism and Culture, I have the pleasure and the honour of working with Yukon's heritage and cultural communities.

The Yukon Historical & Museums Association (YHMA) is an important member of that community.

Over the years, the Yukon government has partnered with YHMA on many initiatives. Collaborations with the Department of Tourism and Culture's Historic Sites Unit and the Historic Places Initiative on the photo contest and the very successful annual heritage poster contest have given Yukoners an opportunity to discover and embrace their heritage places.

In past years, I have also had the honour of presenting the Historic Places Initiative Conservation Project of the Year award to deserving recipients during the annual Heritage Awards.

Yukon's heritage sector contributes greatly to the quality of life of not just Yukoners but people everywhere. This important sector also contributes greatly to the economic well-being of our country.

Through respectful working partnerships and continued collaboration, we can keep Yukon strong as a destination-of-choice, offering visitors and residents opportunities to engage in the diverse and exciting realm of Yukon's history, heritage and culture.

The upcoming conference, "**Governing Under the Midnight Sun**" from October 22-25 is a unique opportunity for members to connect with each other and to share ideas – something that strengthens YHMA and the community.

I invite everyone to attend this event, and to come and learn more about what the Yukon government is doing in partnership with others to support those working within the heritage field.

On behalf of the Yukon government, I wish to thank and congratulate the YHMA board and staff for the outstanding job they do working with the many groups and organizations to promote, protect and preserve Yukon's historical legacy.

Sincerely,



Elaine Taylor
Minister of Tourism and Culture



Minister Taylor with poster winner, Hanna Wirth and YHMA president Damien Burns.



Introducing YHMA's New Executive Director...



I am pleased to join the Yukon Historical & Museums Association. I want to thank you all for the warm welcome I have received since first starting. I'm looking forward to working with you on Yukon heritage and cultural issues as we meet the challenges of the future together.

This is an exciting time for Museums Associations. The changing trends in grants, advances in marketing and education; and the growing emphasis on climate change are all affecting our environment and challenging us to respond. At the same time we are managing the transition to digital resources, striving for higher education, addressing budget and organizational issues, and learning to live and work with constant change.

I welcome the challenges and opportunities ahead and encourage your participation. I plan to share our progress with you and to meet with all sectors of the community to discuss the future of heritage in the Yukon . I look forward to a partnership that will benefit us all.

Tracey Anderson

Funding for Small Museums Now Available

CMA is pleased to announce that funding for Preserving Canadian Treasures is available again this year. Preserving Canadian Treasures is a funding program to assist small museums with collections conservation and preservation. With the generous support of Dr. Yosef Wosk, a philanthropist and museum trustee in British Columbia, the CMA is pleased to offer nine grants of up to \$1,000 each to undertake projects to conserve and preserve either an artifact or a collection of importance. For eligibility, criteria and application instructions for Preserving Canadian Treasures visit: http://www.museums.ca/en/funds/cma_bursary_program/preserving_canadian_treasures/

Deadline: December 18, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Levesque at rlevesque@museums.ca

Other Possible Funding Sources:

<http://www.heritagecanada.org/eng/links/fund.html>

<http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/yhrf.html>

<http://www.yukonfoundation.com/>

<http://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/nri/>

http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/hpa_program.html

<http://www.getty.edu/foundation/funding/access/>

For information on the Yukon Heritage Training Fund, please see Pg. 9

From YHMA's Joint Marketing Manager



I am happy to report that we had a very successful summer here at YHMA collecting museum survey results from our Joint Marketing contributors.

We were on the road during July and August and we were able to meet with just about every museum, cultural and interpretive centre in Yukon.

We asked for your input on a number of different topics such as the Joint Marketing advertisements, your visitor statistics and about new technology.

From your responses we have been able to develop a list of common requests and concerns, which will help us develop a Joint Marketing plan for the future. This report is set to come out in December and we will distribute copies to all of the Joint Marketing Contributors. Thank you to everyone who participated.

PICTURES FROM STEFANIE'S VISITS TO MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL CENTRES...



Big Jonathan House



On Keno Hill



On the way to Burwash



Keno City Mining Museum



Kluane Museum



Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre



When in Mayo...



Strive for Higher Education

Heritage Interpreter:

Discover something new about the past everyday and develop your passion for culture and history!

With *emerit* Heritage Interpreter training, you will become skilled at the fundamentals of interpretation, helping others understand and appreciate cultural or natural history, and recognizing the importance of preserving resources.

Whether you are providing guided tours in provincial parks or museums, *emerit*-trained Heritage Interpreters are able to provide meaningful experiences so visitors are eager to take additional tours, recommend your tours and build your reputation as a knowledgeable and fascinating interpreter.

Professional Certification:

Be recognized nationally as an exemplary Heritage Interpreter with the Tourism Certified Professional (TCP) credential, and be counted among the elite in the industry! Your path is clear: pass an industry-endorsed knowledge exam and performance evaluation and possess the required hours of relevant Heritage Interpreter experience.

For further information contact the Yukon Tourism Education Council at 867-667-4733 or visit our website www.yukontec.com



University of Victoria:

[Communicating Through Exhibitions](#)
November 2 - 7

[Heritage Conservation Planning](#)
November 30 - December 5

[Museum Principles and Practices I](#)
Mondays, 5 - 8pm: September 14 - November 30

Information for Heritage Interpreters:

IntrepSCAN - www.interpcan.ca

Other Education sources:

<http://museumstudies.si.edu/ICOM-ICTOP/index.htm>

<http://www.imagearts.ryerson.ca/photopreservation/>

<http://www.moa.ubc.ca/collections/university.php>

Future Conferences:

Annual Museum Retail and Visitor Service Symposium - **January 28-30, 2010**

Heritage After Hours

Recap of Summer Heritage After Hours

At the beginning of June we were treated to an update on recent and emergent anthropological research by Norm Easton and his student archaeologists. Easton, a lecturer in Anthropology at Yukon College, has been working in the Upper Tanana River basin near the Yukon/Alaska border for many years. His talk, hosted by the MacBride Museum, included a description of his important work and a glimpse into the life of a working anthropologist.

Michael Gates is a respected member of our heritage community. In his well-earned retirement he has turned his attention to research, writing another book (this time about the Dalton Trail) and his *History Hunter* columns for the Yukon News. We are lucky that Michael has the time to share his research with us as he did in a Heritage After Hours event at the end of July in Haines Junction.

At the end of August, the Transportation Museum hosted David Rodger, a Parks Canada intern getting his Masters degree in History at the University of Western Ontario. David described his summer project of using Google Earth to construct an interpretive exhibit on the Thirty Mile Heritage River. This is the cutting edge of digital interpretation and those who missed the event will be able to view the result on a website coming soon.

Watch for upcoming Heritage After Hours events. They are always fun and interesting and a great opportunity for like-minded individuals to chat about their own projects.

LITHIC CASTING TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR HERITAGE WORKERS

Norm Easton of Yukon College is facilitating a three-day workshop for museum workers, archaeologists, and students of heritage-related studies on the manufacture of replica casts of stone tools. The workshop will take place at Yukon College Friday through Sunday, November 13 – 14.

Participants will learn how to prepare a rubber mould and cast a resin replica of an artifact of their choice and develop skills in painting and surface treatments of resin replicas for use in displays and educational activities. The cost of \$150 will include all supplies and two lunches (Sat and Sun).

Amanda Dowd, an Alberta-based archaeologist whose replicas are used by field projects, schools, and the Royal Alberta Museum for public interpretation and education will teach the techniques. Norm Easton will also present an overview of prehistoric lithic technology in the western

subarctic and how to read the stories set in stone. Participation is limited to twelve. For further information contact Norm Easton at northeaston@gmail.com or 867-393-8012. This workshop is supported by contributions from The Yukon Heritage Training Fund, administered by the Yukon Historical and Museums Association and Yukon College.



A few highlights from YHRB...



The Yukon Heritage Resources Board held its fall meeting September 18 and 19 in Whitehorse. Minister Taylor and Rick Lemaire of the Yukon Government's Department of Tourism and Culture joined the meeting to provide updates on the department's activities and the status of several national heritage-related programs. They also provided an update on the status of the development of a definitions manual (Final Agreements section 13.5.3.6). During the meeting, the Board visited Yukon Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Conservation staff at their Whitehorse facility. The field trip was a wonderful opportunity to tour the facility, learn about the many recent and ongoing projects of these units, and discuss a variety of issues related to heritage research and management in the Yukon. The Board will hold its next meeting in November.

The Board also continued its outreach activities through participation in the heritage community and interaction with the Parties. The Board updated its Action Plan and provided the updated version to the Parties, accompanied by a summary of recent activities. Board members attended the Historic Places Initiative Management Committee Meeting opening reception in Whitehorse, as well as the opening of the new Yukon Horse exhibit at the Beringia Centre. The YHRB Chair participated in an ex-officio capacity in the final meetings of the Museums Advisory Committee.

The Board's Executive Director attended the Ha Kus Teyea Celebration in Teslin in July and participated as a member of the planning committee for the upcoming YHMA conference. Board members are anticipating another round of excellent applications to the Yukon Historic Resources Fund this fall and are looking forward to the opportunity to review and make funding recommendations for the proposed projects. YHRB continues to solicit input on its *Draft Rules of Procedure for Determining Ownership of Heritage Resources under Chapter 13 of Yukon First Nation Final Agreements*. The Board provides the Parties with regular updates on the rules development process and opportunities for comment.

YHRB welcomes comments from the heritage community and public on any of its activities. The YHRB office is located in the historic Taylor House at 412 Main Street in Whitehorse. We can also be reached by phone at 668-7150 or by email at yhrb@northwestel.net

Yukon Heritage Training Fund

The Yukon Heritage Training Fund is designed to fund limited-term training which will advance Yukon independent heritage workers and groups and help them obtain and create employment.

The priorities of the Fund are to increase the number of people with the necessary skills for heritage work; to retain independent heritage workers; to provide human resources for the professional development of Yukon's heritage resources; to support training that increases opportunities for Yukon independent heritage workers; and to develop capacity and sustainability in heritage sectors. **The next Heritage Training Fund deadline is November 9, 2009.** For more information call YHMA at 867.667.4704

News from the Yukon Archives

From the reading room:

It was another busy summer in the Reference Room. Researchers came from across Canada, the United States and exotic places such as the Isle of Man and Romania. While genealogy continued to be the most popular research request, particularly with our summer visitors, staff assisted with other diverse requests such as searching for evidence of the Maori people in the Klondike and Dr. Antoine Variclé's failed expedition from Dawson City to the North Pole.

Yukon Archives' Reference staff is always happy to provide assistance with your research request. We provide three hours of free research for Yukoners and one hour of free research for patrons living outside the Yukon.

Additions to the Yukon Archives Genealogy Database:

Sources of information for genealogical research in the Yukon are expanding and becoming streamlined! There are 2 new sources to assist your search.

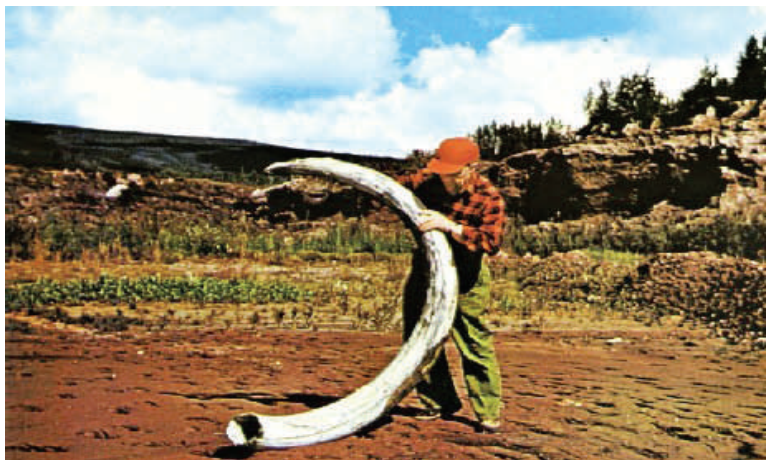
The "[Yukon Cemeteries & Obituaries Database](#)" compiles 4 databases for easy access: the Pioneer Cemetery database, 1900-1965; the Grey Mountain Cemetery database, 1960-1976; the Yukon News Obituary database, 1966-2000; and the Yukon River Basin, Deaths and Burials, 1887-2007.

The "[Unique Database](#)" compiles 3 databases for your convenience: the Francophone Yukoners database; the Sourdough Air Display, 1971-2006; and the Yukon Barristers Roll. Plus the Yukon Residents database has been updated and now includes 39,000 names. This database is compiled from a variety of sources focusing on the period from 1894-1958. Sources include regimental histories, city records for Whitehorse and Dawson, British Columbia and Yukon Directory of towns and cities, and manuscripts, corporate records, and government documents.

Check out yukongenealogy.com for more information.

On Exhibit at Yukon Archives: *Buried Treasure: The Yukon's Rich Fossil Heritage*

An exciting new exhibit about palaeontology in the Yukon from the collections of the Yukon Archives and other sources is on exhibit at the Yukon Archives.



MacBride Museum of Yukon History

Share your stories of the Whitehorse Inn: To celebrate the installation of the Whitehorse Inn sign at the MacBride Museum this year, we are collecting your stories and memories of the Whitehorse Inn. Stories may be told during the opening reception, or collected in an audio exhibit.

The Haunted Museum Halloween Party for Kids: Come to the Museum for an evening of spooky fun, games and stories just for kids ages 6-10. Thursday, October 29, 5-7 p.m. Reserve your spot now.

MacBride Gift Shop Holiday Season Sale: Throughout the month of November MacBride is having a big sale in its gift shop. It's the perfect time to stock up on holiday gifts for friends and family.

Host your Holiday Party at MacBride Museum: MacBride is the perfect spot to host a holiday party that will go down in history. Call for availability.

MacBride Museum Old Fashioned Family Christmas Celebration: Come to MacBride for an afternoon of holiday fun for the whole family. Sing carols, visit Father Christmas, create your own ornaments and sample holiday treats. Saturday, December 12, 11am-2pm

Baby Animals Preschool Program: This program is designed for preschool-age children and parents to have fun at MacBride Museum together. Explore the Wild World Gallery, play games and create works of art while learning about baby animals. Cost: \$5 per child and parent. Fridays, 10-11 a.m.

MacBride Museum is OPEN ALL YEAR: Winter Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 12-4 p.m. *For more information call 667-2709.*

Check out this website...

Information and images on Mt. Logan. Learn more about this fascinating place which is right in your backyard!

<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Logan/>



Yukon Historical & Museums Association

Membership Form 2009-2010

Name:

Organization:

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Individual Membership

Basic: \$25.00

Patron: \$65.00

Student/Senior \$15.00

Other Organizations

Basic: \$30.00

Professional: \$35.00

Patron \$250.00

Organization Membership

(contributing members)

Level 1 (under \$50,000) \$35.00

Level 2 (\$50,000-\$150,000) \$50.00

Level 3 (\$150,000-\$300,000) \$65.00

Level 4 (\$300,000+) \$80.00

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Contributing members take part in Joint Marketing and are able to submit their events for our calendar and articles for our newsletter. The level of membership is based on an organization's heritage budget.

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Newsletter Submissions: YHMA wants you!

The YHMA newsletter is the official newsletter of the Yukon Historical & Museums Association, but we want it to reflect and inform the Yukon Heritage Community of each others accomplishments. We welcome our members to submit articles, book reviews, project reports, pictures and other related announcements for publication in upcoming issues. Submission deadlines for upcoming newsletters are:

◆ January 18, 2010 (Winter) ◆ April 6, 2010 (Spring) ◆ July 5, 2010 (Summer)

Please email submissions to yhma@northwestel.net



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