



YUKON HISTORICAL & MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## YHMA NEWS

Happy New Year to all of our members, 2005 was a busy year and 2006 is shaping up to be a very rewarding year as well. YHMA has been devoting time to our six areas of priority; administration, advocacy, conferences and events, training and professional development, joint marketing, and heritage buildings.

Conferences and events comprise of several different projects we are currently working on. YHMA is assisting again this year with the Historica Fair and Doors Open Whitehorse. YHMA is also in the process of organizing the Heritage Awards (Feb. 20, 2006) and our Spring Conference/AGM. New this year, YHMA and the Yukon Archives are in the early stages of planning a research symposium to be held in Whitehorse, October 2006. More details to come.

Training and development has taken up a large portion of our time over the last few months, the Heritage Training Fund Adjudication Committee held its third meeting of the year on January 12, 2006. The committee approved seven applications totaling \$20,306.95. Training that has taken place by successful applicants since the last intake include Marketing & Development in Cultural Organizations, Collections Management, Museum Principles & Practices, Molecular Identification of Bird Specimens Recovered from Ice Patches in Southern Yukon and Introduction to Archival Practice. If you are interested in learning more about any of these training opportunities please contact YHMA for a copy of a detailed synopsis and/or hand out of information learned during the training.

For more information on these or other YHMA initiatives please contact Rebecca Jansen, Executive Director.

## CELEBRATE YUKON HERITAGE IN FEBRUARY

You can tell Rendezvous is coming by the sudden appearance of women dressed in Gold Rush era dresses with long feathers and big hats adorning their heads. Rendezvous is a time to celebrate what it means to be a Yukoner and to revel in our colourful past. This year while you enjoy the festivities we hope you will pause to reflect on the past and how important it is to preserve the stories, the sites and the treasures that tell Yukon's story. So this year in addition to watching the hairy leg, chain saw chucking or the flour packing contests make time to enjoy Yukon's unique architectural gems on the second annual Doors Open Whitehorse, February 24<sup>th</sup> and celebrate those who have made an outstanding commitment to the preservation of Yukon Heritage at the 2005 Heritage Awards, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

YHMA is always looking for volunteers to help coordinate these and other events so if you would like to become active in celebrating our heritage this year please contact YHMA for detail on how you can help

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# YUKON ARCHIVES NEWS



## **Arts Underground Heritage Gallery – Hamacher Display**

As part of its partnership with Arts Underground and with assistance from the Department of Tourism and Culture, the Friends of the Yukon Archives Society opened its first exhibit in the Hougén Heritage Gallery on October 14. *E.J. Hamacher: a Photographer's Perspective* featured over 20 photographs taken by the self-proclaimed “White Horse Photographer” from 1900-1935. The exhibit was curated by current Whitehorse photographer Mario Villeneuve, who focused on placing Hamacher’s work in the context of the history of photography, including contemporary technical processes and the development of photography as an art form. Mario developed the photographs using the original glass plate negatives and “printing out paper”, similar to that which Hamacher would have used. As a result, the prints have rich details and beautiful tones not possible to attain using today’s papers and processes. The images range from standard but beautiful portraits to slightly quirky experiments featuring Hamacher’s studio cat! The exhibit gives us insight into Hamacher’s curiosity, his experimental approach to photography and his sense of humour.

## **At home in the Yukon Web Exhibit**

A bilingual web exhibit entitled *At home in the Yukon / Chez soi au Yukon* has been added to the Yukon Archives’ website at [www.yukonarchives.ca](http://www.yukonarchives.ca). (Choose “Displays” and then look under “Online Displays” to navigate to it.) This web display is a redesign of an exhibit which was formerly on our website but which required major reformatting due to technological change. *At home in the Yukon* provides an intimate look at the lives of Yukoners over the past one hundred years. Focusing on photographs, maps, and oral histories from the holdings of Yukon Archives, the display depicts the stories of Yukon First Nations and non-First Nations people. This bilingual exhibit is also available as an 18 panel hard copy large format display.

## **Memorandum of Understanding Signed**

Celebrating 20 years of cooperation, progress and achievement in building a national archival system, the Canadian Council of Archives (CCA) and the Yukon Council of Archives (YCA) held a ceremony on November 23 at the Arts Underground in Whitehorse to mark their past successes and continuing partnership. The event was attended by the Yukon Government's Minister and Deputy Minister for the Department of Tourism and Culture, along with many YCA members. YCA President, Lesley Buchan and CCA Vice-Chair, Ian Forsyth signed the memorandum of understanding, which was followed by the YCA's inaugural "Annual Speakers Series". Ian Burnett, Territorial Archivist, told his audience of twenty-five the intriguing story of how Klondike Gold Rush road maps were used to lure and manipulate stampedeurs to follow particular routes to the Klondike. This signing was the final event in a year-long series of ceremonies celebrating the CCA's 20th anniversary.

## **Conservation of Creek Claim Maps**

Lloy Osburn (formerly Billingham) has been busy working at the Archives since October on a project to preserve fragile maps. She has been carrying out conservation treatments on creek claim maps from the Klondike mining area dating from the late 1890s. These historical maps of Eldorado, Bonanza, Dominion, Sulphur, Last Chance, and Hunker creeks document the claim numbers and names of claim owners during the Klondike Gold Rush. Treatments have included: surface cleaning; washing for de-acidification purposes (if the inks are stable); flattening; tear repair; and encapsulation in a protective Mylar sleeve. Funding to make this project possible was provided from the federal government through Library and Archives Canada’s contribution program for the archival network.



## MacBride Museum

### Travel the World's History

Costa Rica with Aiza Gomez,

January 24, 12pm-1pm

### MacBride Museum's 3rd Annual Murder

#### Mystery

"Murder for Art's Sake"

February 10, 11, 17 & 18 8pm

**Yukon Quest Exhibit** opens first of February

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MACBRIDE

**Centre of the City: Front and Main** opens in Arts Underground beginning of March

For More Information Contact

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## YUKON HERITAGE RESOURCES BOARD

Prepared by Loree Stewart, Executive Director

Since its late summer meeting in Dawson City, the Yukon Heritage Resources Board has had a busy and exciting fall.

The Board tendered a request for proposals in July for development of a strategic plan to guide the Board's focus and activities over the next three years. The Board selected the firm of Malloch Consulting Services in August. Mr. Malloch visited and consulted YHRB's key stakeholders throughout the Yukon communities in October and November. First Nation Chiefs and Councils, Yukon and Canada government representatives, UFA boards, heritage organizations, individuals, and board members were asked to provide insight on a number of questions, including the following:

- Extent of stakeholders' familiarity with YHRB's mandate per Chapter 13 of UFA
- Trends in Yukon or Canada with an impact on YHRB
- Strengths and weaknesses of YHRB
- Important activities of YHRB today
- Opportunities for YHRB to increase its relevance to stakeholders' work or develop closer connection with its constituents

We wish to thank everyone who was contacted by Mr. Malloch for their participation in providing insight and observations of the YHRB. Your comments are very valuable in assisting us to develop our strategic plan.

At our November meeting, the consultant led Board members in a process to develop components of a strategic plan for YHRB: Practical Vision, Underlying Obstacles, Strategic Directions and Action Plans. The Board identified its key strategic directions as those duties identified in Chapter 13 as well as planning and creating processes (for the work we are mandated to do under Chapter 13 and the Historic Resources Act); developing relationships with the three Parties (First Nations, Yukon and Canada); public relations plan (how to communicate more effectively with the Parties and those in the heritage community) and investing in our members (types of training/activities that will help us do our job better).

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Board met again to develop action plans for the key strategic directions. These will be finalized at our February meeting. We will be meeting with the heritage community where possible to hand out an executive summary of our strategic plan sometime in the spring.

Also at our November meeting, Mr. Dave Joe gave the board a presentation on the development of Chapter 13 of the UFA from a historical perspective. It was a very informative and enlightening presentation for the board members. Mr. Joe outlined who was involved in the creation of Chapter 13, why the chapter was developed, and provided details on the board composition, and some of the thinking at the time on research, heritage sites, burial sites, documentary heritage resources, place names and economic opportunities. Notes from that presentation will be made available to the heritage community once Mr. Joe has reviewed our transcript.

In our new fiscal year, the board will be moving to six meetings annually, and we will be able to provide a schedule for those meetings after February.

If you would like a copy of our 2004/05 annual report, please drop by the office of the Yukon Heritage Resources Boards located in the historic Taylor House at 412 Main Street in Whitehorse. Our phone number is 668-7150 and our email address is [yhrb@northwestel.net](mailto:yhrb@northwestel.net).



## DAWSON CITY MUSEUM

Happy New Year from the Dawson City Museum. We are looking forward to an amazing 2006! This past year was filled with exciting projects as we redesigned our visible storage display, continued our locomotive conservation, offered extended public programs and much more.

We are sure that 2006 will be equally successful for us as we launch our first virtual exhibit, complete our temporary deposit backlog, revamp and revise our natural history display, provide expanded summer public programming, complete photograph and archival work, and work with the Masons to display a collection of rare books and more. As always there proves to be much to do at the Museum and not nearly enough time to do it!

The Klondike History Library is open by appointment for research purposes during the winter months. It is always a great way to spend a cold winter afternoon, immersed in the history of Dawson and the Klondike. We have acquired a list of new research material in the library over the past few months and below are a few interesting books, articles and manuscripts:

- 2 Manuscripts "Courage and Caring: The Story of VON Canada's Nurses"
- Manuscript – "Yukon Roadhouses An Historical Survey"
- Copy of a Diary of Frederick Stephen Wombwell ( Gold Rush miner)
- 6 Binders on Dawson City Cemeteries including "A Record of Burials Third Avenue Cemetery Dawson, YT 1897 – 1898
- Book – A Wild Discouraging Mess, the History of the White Pass
- Manuscript copy – RCMP/NWMP list of Arrests and Complaints 1899-1903
- Manuscript – Farming in the Klondike in the Early 1900's
- Manuscript – Hunker Creek 1949-1952

Many thanks to the donors of these books and articles!! Additionally, we have been successful in receiving funding from Lotteries Yukon to acquire more books to add to our Northern collection in the library. Feel free to call Cheryl at 867-993-5291 to make an appointment to visit the library.

## ELECTION 2006 UPDATE

The Yukon Historical & Museums Association (YHMA) has followed the Canadian Museum Association (CMA) and Heritage Canada's lead in pressing federal candidates on questions important to museums and to heritage. January 9, 2006, all four Yukon Federal Candidates were sent a questionnaire asking for their stance on several key issues affecting museums and heritage.

Candidates were also sent a letter asking for their support in finalizing and implementing a new Federal Museums Policy. Heritage Minister Liza Frulla was close to completing a new Policy when the opposition parties forced an early election therefore it is important that the museum community knows if the other parties, and the Yukon candidates, are in support of the new policy.

As of January 18, 2006 YHMA has only received one response from the candidates. Larry Bagnell provided YHMA with a detailed response to all eight questions that were posed. The other candidates did not even take

the time to acknowledge our request which poses the question, "If the Conservative and NDP candidates cannot find the time to acknowledge museum and heritage concerns during the election campaign how will they find the time to address our concerns once elected?"

YHMA would now like to urge our members to continue to press the candidates on the importance of museums and heritage at the national level and to be sure whoever you vote for on January 23, 2006 is the right candidate for the job.

If you would like a copy of Larry Bagnell's response to our questionnaire please contact Rebecca Jansen at (867) 667-4704, or to view the Party responses to CMA and Heritage Canada's questions please visit:

<http://www.museums.ca/Cma1/WhatsNew/ADVOCACY/electiontoolkit.htm>

<http://www.heritagecanada.org/>

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## 2005 HERITAGE AWARDS- CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Yukon Historical & Museums Association is seeking nominations for the 2005 Heritage Awards. Awards will be presented Monday February 20, 2006 at the Yukon Transportation Museum.

### ANNUAL HERITAGE AWARD

The Award will be presented to an individual, group, organization, society business or corporation for outstanding contribution to Yukon heritage. In order to be eligible, the recipient must qualify in one or more of the following categories:

- Meritorious service to the preservation, promotion or development of Yukon's heritage over a period of several years
- Meritorious service to YHMA over a period of several years
- Performance of a single action, deed or service that is of such significance, or uniqueness of magnitude that it ranks far above routine or regular actions, deeds or service to the cause of Yukon Heritage.

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN HERITAGE AWARD

The award will be presented to an individual, group, organization, society, business or corporation for outstanding contribution to Yukon Heritage. In order to be eligible, the recipient must qualify in one of the following categories:

- Meritorious service to the preservation, promotion or development of Yukon's heritage over a period of many years
- Meritorious service to the YHMA over a period of many years

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The award will be presented to an individual for outstanding contribution to Yukon Heritage. In order to be eligible, the recipient must qualify in one of the following categories:

- Extensive volunteerism to one or more Yukon heritage organizations or events
- Extensive volunteerism to the YHMA

### THE HISTORIC PLACES INITIATIVE HERITAGE CONSERVATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR.

**New Award**

This award will be presented annually to the individual, community group, First Nation, or business whose work to preserve, restore, or rehabilitate a historic property best reflects the practices outlined in the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

This award is sponsored by the Yukon Department of Tourism and Culture's Heritage Resources Unit, with the support of Parks Canada through the *Historic Places Initiative (HPI)*.

In order to be eligible:

- The recipient must be the owner or the representative of the owner of the historic property.
- The recipient must be the project manager or main proponent of the conservation work on the historic property.
- The property must be listed on the Yukon Historic Sites Inventory.

**To nominate someone for an award please do so in writing to YHMA at 3126 Third Ave. Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1E7, email [yhma@northwestel.net](mailto:yhma@northwestel.net) or fax (867) 667-4506.**

**Deadline: February 3, 2006**

2004 Heritage Award Recipients: Chris Sorg (Heritage Award), Jennie Howie (Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award), Clara Schinkel (Lifetime Achievement Award), Carroll Cawley (Volunteer of the Year)

## SUMMER CAREER PLACEMENTS (SCP): Wage Subsidy Contribution for Employers

- Provides wage subsidies to public, private and not-for-profit employers to create career-related summer jobs for secondary and post secondary student, from 15-30 years of age (inclusive)
- These jobs help students acquire skills, gain work experience and finance their return to school.
- Application procedures
- Application deadline dates
- SCP application form

### SCP APPLICANT GUIDE:

- The Applicant Guide provides information for employers, including:
  - Wage subsidy rates
  - National priorities
  - Mandatory Employment Related Costs (MERCs)

### TO APPLY FOR SCP:

- Either complete, print and sign, or print, complete and sign the SCP Application/Agreement Form
- Deliver or mail the completed application to your local Service Canada Centre by:
  - Friday March 31, 2006

### For more information visit:

<http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/epb/yi/yep/programs/scp.p.shtml>

## Young Canada Works Applications are due February 18, 2006

### YCW in Heritage Organizations

#### Objective:

Improve your skills while acquiring practical knowledge in the areas of research, new media, exhibitions, conservation and more, as you work at various tasks related to saving, preserving and promoting our cultural heritage.

#### You are eligible if you:

- are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or have been granted refugee status in Canada;
- are legally entitled to work in Canada;
- are between 16 and 30 years of age or less at the start of your employment; and
- are a secondary or post-secondary student who intends to return to school.

Duration: 6 to 16 weeks

Number of positions: up to 9000

For More Information or an application form visit

[http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/ycw-jct/html/welcome\\_e.htm](http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/ycw-jct/html/welcome_e.htm)



### Yukon Heritage Training Fund

The Next Intake for the Yukon Heritage Training Fund will be early March 2006. For more information on how to apply please visit <http://www.yukonalaska.com/yhma/yhtf.htm>, call Rebecca Jansen, HTF Advisor, at 667-4704 or stop in at 3126 Third Avenue, Whitehorse to pick up an application.

# NATALIE BULL APPOINTED THE HERITAGE CANADA FOUNDATION'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Chair of the Board of Governors of the Heritage Canada Foundation, Michel Grenier is pleased to announce the appointment of Natalie Bull as the Foundation's new Executive Director.

Born in New Brunswick, Natalie completed her studies at the University of Montréal with a master's degree in Applied Sciences in Architectural Conservation. She has worked for Public Works and Government Services Canada since 1992 in progressively senior positions, including Architectural Conservation Advisor, Business Development Manager, Program Manager and Acting Director with the Heritage Conservation Directorate, Real Property Program. Last year, Ms. Bull completed a term as Manager of Certification for the Historic Places Program at Parks Canada.

Natalie also brings strong non-profit-sector leadership experience to her new position. Her active membership in the Association for Preservation Technology International (APT) culminated in her election in 2003 for a two year term as President and Chief Executive Officer.

As an expert in heritage conservation, Natalie has participated in a number of symposia as a panelist, lecturer and technical trainer. She is well known and respected in the conservation field in Canada and has participated in many speaking engagements across North America.

"I am very excited about Natalie Bull joining the organization," said Mr. Grenier. "The Board was very impressed by her passion for heritage, her energy and vision. We, along with members of the staff, are looking forward to working with her."

Natalie Bull has been at the helm since October 24, where she welcomes your calls and e-mails. Natalie can be reached at (613) 237-1066 or at [nbull@heritagecanada.org](mailto:nbull@heritagecanada.org)

For more information about the Heritage Canada Foundation, visit [www.heritagecanada.org](http://www.heritagecanada.org)



The YHMA newsletter is the official newsletter of the Yukon Historical & Museums Association.

We welcome our members to submit articles, project reports and other related announcements for publication in upcoming issues.

Submission deadlines for upcoming Newsletters are:

Spring: April 7, 2006  
Summer: July 7, 2006  
Fall: October 6, 2006

Please email submissions to [yhma@northwestel.net](mailto:yhma@northwestel.net)

## YHMA MEMBERSHIP

Please support the Yukon Historical & Museums Association by purchasing a membership. Your support is needed!

Type of Memberships available:

Senior/Student: \$10.70	Individual: \$21.40	
Organization: \$26.75	Family: \$32.10	Corporate: \$107.00

### Interested in becoming a volunteer?

YHMA is always seeking volunteers willing to provide their skills and knowledge to our organization. If you are interested in any of the following committees please call Rebecca Jansen at 667-4704 or Email [yhma@northwestel.net](mailto:yhma@northwestel.net)

- **Conference Planning (Heritage Awards)**
- **Heritage Buildings**
- **Newsletter**
- **Museums**
- **Fundraising or Training**