

JANUARY 2020

MUSEUM OF THE CARIBOO CHILCOTIN

NEWSLETTER

MUSEUM AWARDED FEE-FOR-SERVICE AGREEMENT

The Museum is pleased to announce that the Cariboo Regional District via the Central Cariboo Arts and Culture Society has awarded the Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin with a fee-for-service agreement of \$38,000.00 annually from 2020-2022 to assist with the Museum's operating expenses. The Museum is incredibly fortunate to have the support of the CRD. Their support allows the Museum to continue preserving and presenting the cultural heritage of Williams Lake and the Cariboo Chilcotin region.

FALL/WINTER EVENTS

CARIBOO COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The Museum's Cariboo Country Christmas Craft Fair held at the Elk's Hall on November 23rd was a wonderful opportunity to get the community into the Christmas spirit and received very positive reviews from visitors. This year, the Museum partnered with Roy & Gwen Mulvahill to offer horse-drawn wagon rides and shuttle visitors around to the other local craft fairs. They also made a special stop to visit the friendly folks at the Williams Lake Seniors Village.



FALL/WINTER EVENTS CONTINUED

CARIBOO COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The Cariboo Country Christmas included over 40 unique local vendors and information tables, non-stop entertainment, and Santa photos for many of the families that took the time to join us at the craft fair. The Museum would like to thank the community and local vendors for their continued support of this event. We would also like to thank the many performers that volunteered their time to make the event so special; The Cariboo Men's Choir, the Cariboo Youth Fiddlers, Williams Lake Community Band, the Enviro Club, Cecile Schaulbreck and Adrien Zimmerman.

HOLIDAY WREATH WORKSHOP

The Museum hosted its first Holiday Wreath Workshop November 30th, in the Tourism Discovery Centre where wreath-makers were able to tour the Museum displays while creating a personalized wreath for their home. This event was in high demand, with 18 participants attending and 8 more on the waiting list. We look forward to hosting more of these workshops in the winter of 2020 so everyone interested will be able to join in for an afternoon of holiday crafting.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA & BAKE SALE

On Dec. 8th the Museum held its annual Christmas Tea & Bake sale at the Seniors Activity Centre. The Christmas Tea & Bake Sale is a lovely opportunity to visit many of the familiar faces who continually support the Museum, and we would like to thank all guests for joining us for the annual event. We would also like to extend our gratitude to all of the wonderful volunteers who all helped ensure that the day was a success, through donating baked goods, loonie auction prizes, serving coffee, tea, and snacks throughout the afternoon, and help with set up and clean up.

SLEIGH BELLS & SILVER SPURS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

We recently rang in the new year in Cariboo Style with the Museum's Sleigh Bells & Silver Spurs New Year's Eve Party. This pilot event was made possible through funding from the provincial government's Rural Dividend Program, and all funds raised from this event will go directly back into the Museum's operations. The evening consisted of appetizers, a cash bar facilitated by the Indoor Rodeo Association, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and a live performance by Tennessee Walker from Kamloops. This event was part of the Museum's strategic plan to increase interest, membership, volunteerism to a wider demographic of Williams Lake's citizens, involving more of the community in the Museum's activities and programs. New Year's was a busy evening in the Cariboo as our event directly competed with 7 other events around Williams Lake, but we are very pleased with the positive reception of the event. As a pilot project, the event coordinators learned a great deal that they are excited to put into practice for next year's event.





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We would also like to thank the many sponsors that contributed to our New Year's event being a success: the Province of B.C., the City of Williams Lake, the Cariboo Regional District, the Indoor Rodeo Association, the Williams Lake Stampede Association, All-Ways Travel, and JAK's Prosperity Ridge.

MUSEUM TO ATTEND KAMLOOPS COWBOY FESTIVAL

The Museum will be attending the Kamloops Cowboy Festival hosted by the B.C. Cowboy Heritage Society from March 19-22nd at the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre. We will have two display booths that will be shared with the Williams Lake Stampede Association, Indoor Rodeo Association and the British Columbia Rodeo Association, highlighting Williams Lake rodeo for all those attending the festival. Two 2020 inductees to the B.C. Cowboy Hall of Fame will also be presented at the festival, so we would love to see some Williams Lake locals at the event to celebrate with us. If you are interested in attending, you can find more information on the BCCHS website: www.bcchs.com. Make sure to stop by the Museums booth and say hi!



Volunteers Wanted

Interested in volunteering at the museum or an event?



Contact 250.392.7404 or mccoffice@telus.net





Patrick Davies



RED CROSS 2017 FIRE EXHIBIT

MUSEUM SEEKS STORIES FROM PUBLIC

As part of the larger Red Cross project which began in June of 2019, staff have begun work to develop a new exhibit documenting the 2017 wildfires in the Cariboo. As part of the preliminary work for this exhibit, we are looking towards the community to share stories of personal experiences during the period before, during, and following the 2017 wildfires. We welcome contributions of any length, from a few sentences to a few paragraphs. We cannot guarantee all stories will be included in the exhibition, but the Museum will contact you if your story is selected. We will also be reaching out via social media requesting specific types of stories over a few weeks between now and March, so please keep an eye out on our Facebook Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin, Instagram @mccwlake, and our website www.cowboy.museum.com for these posts. If you have a story you would like to offer, please e-mail it to mccstudent@telus.net. Thank you in advance for contributing to our exhibit, and we will be in contact via e-mail for future updates.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Museum is a busy place to be and has lots coming up in 2020 that we are seeking volunteers to help with! This spring the Museum will also be holding a saddle cleaning workbee and is seeking volunteers. If you are interested in cleaning saddles, the history and heritage of your community or assisting at events and would like to volunteer with us, please call 250-392-7404 or e-mail at mccoffice@telus.net.

2019 MEMBERSHIPS DUE FOR RENEWAL

All 2019 memberships are now due for renewal. Memberships are only valid for one year from Sept 30th to October 1st of the following year. Memberships are \$10 and are available to purchase at the Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin. Not sure if your membership is current or not? Call the Museum today to find out!

Join us to celebrate the

*City of Williams Lake's
91st Birthday*

with the Museum's Annual Birthday Tea!

Monday March 16th at the Museum

11am Guests Welcome

12pm Welcome/Speeches

12:30pm Cake Cutting



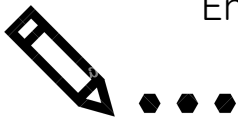
CANADIAN RED CROSS

Do you have a story you would like to share from the 2017 Wildfires?

Seeking stories of personal experiences for the Museums Red Cross 2017 Wildfire Exhibit. We welcome stories from before, during or following the wildfires!

We will also be reaching out on social media for more specific types of stories! Keep an eye out!

Email your unique story to
mccstudent@telus.net



We cannot guarantee all stories will be included in the exhibition

Upcoming Events

March

16th

City of Williams Lake Birthday Tea
Monday, March 16th
Starts 11am
Speeches 12pm
Cake Cutting 12:30pm
Held at Museum (1660B Broadway)

19th - 22nd

Kamloops Cowboy Festival
Thurs Mar 19th - Sun Mar 22nd
Organized by the BC Cowboy Heritage Society
Kamloops, BC
For more info or tickets call
1-888-763-2221 or email
cowboy@bcchs.com

April

17th - 19th

Williams Lake Indoor Rodeo including BC Cowboy Hall of Fame Inductions
Indoor Rodeo April 17th - April 19th
Induction Ceremony Sunday April 19th at Intermission

June

25th - 29th

Williams Lake Stampede including 2nd Annual Heritage Gathering
WL Stampede June 15th - 29th
Heritage Gathering June 29th (behind grandstands)

TBA

Saddle Cleaning Workbee

The Museum would like to extend its thanks to dedicated volunteer Donna Smith for organizing this year's Holiday Colouring Contest, as well as Staples for providing printing services and Kit and Kaboodle for sponsoring prizes for the contest. We would also like to recognize and thank the 192 student artists that participated from Nesika Elementary, Marie Sharpe Elementary, Cataline Elementary, and Sacred Heart Catholic School.



Museum of the
Cariboo Chilcotin

Museum Hours

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
CLOSED WEEKENDS

Reminder

ALL MEMBERSHIPS WERE DUE FOR RENEWAL
OCT 1st 2019
\$10 Available at museum to purchase

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