

MAY 2020

MUSEUM OF THE CARIBOO CHILCOTIN

NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 MUSEUM UPDATE

Dear Members,

We understand that the community is experiencing a new and unprecedented situation that has brought with it many challenges. In these difficult times, we want to take the time to wish you all and your families safety and good health. We recognize the strength of our community and know that together, we will continue to work through whatever changes may come.

As many of you know, the Museum was required to close to the public to adhere to national health and safety advisories. However, we are pleased to announce that staff are currently working to prepare the Museum for reopening which is tentatively scheduled for June 1st. Since March, Museum staff have continued to strive towards the Museum's goals through actively working on ongoing projects and future planning from home and at our off-site storage locations, while following social distancing requirements. Our Red Cross project is moving forward with artifact cleaning and conservation, digitizing negatives for long-term preservation, and developing an exhibition on the 2017 wildfires in the Cariboo-Chilcotin. While these projects come with their own new challenges in this changing environment, we continue to adapt our practices and strategies to keep these projects on track to safely preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Williams Lake and the Cariboo-Chilcotin. We encourage you to stay in touch with us through our social media channels, Facebook, Instagram, and our website www.cowboy-museum.com. We will also began showcasing Museum artifacts and stories on our social media, so be sure to check them out!

We look forward to the reopening of the Museum to the public, and getting to see all of our members again!

Sincerely,

Museum Staff & Directors

MUSEUM TRIVIA!

How well do you know your dates?



1. What year was Williams Lake incorporated as a village?
2. What year did the 1st automobile in the Cariboo (a McLaughlin Buick owned by O.P Perry) arrive?
3. What year did Williams Lake & Glendale amalgamate to conserve municipal resources, together becoming the incorporated city of Williams Lake? Was: it 1950? 1975? 1981? or 1989?
4. What year was the 1st Annual Cariboo Regatta held? Which would then take place annually until 1983.
5. Officially since 1886 the Chilcotin area was known and spelled as Chilcoten, what year did the spelling change to Chilcotin?



ANSWERS
1. 1929 2. 1907 3. 1981 4. 1959 5. 1911

2020 BC COWBOY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

DATE OF FORMAL INDUCTIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

The Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin in partnership with the BC Cowboy Heritage Society are thrilled to announce and introduce the 2020 BC Cowboy Hall of Fame Inductees. We would like to extend our congratulations to all of the inductees and their families. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 the formal induction ceremonies have been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date this year.

FRANK ARMES

2020 BCCHF Inductee - Ranching Pioneer

Frank Langman Armes was born in Vancouver in 1908. He began his ranching life when his father took him out of school at 15 to work on the J S Place Ranch in Dog Creek. A train ride landed him in Ashcroft at -30 and a horse and sleigh took him the rest of the way. The next few years were spent learning to ride and work cattle. In 1931 he married Doreen Pollitt and they had four children; Bob, Gordon, Dorothy and Allan. In 1936 Frank went on to manage the Meason Ranch at Little Dog Creek and the Gaspard Ranch in the Dog Creek Valley...this was the start of the Diamond S Ranch. One thousand head of cattle were purchased in Alberta and shipped to Mission where Frank and two other cowboys met them, shipped them by train to Ashcroft, then drove them to Little Dog Creek. Frank now had to develop more hay land and dams for irrigation, all done by horses. Their first tractor was purchased when the Ford 9N came out in 1939, and soon they increased their cattle number to 3000 head . They added the 500 head to the Pigeon Ranch. In 1949 Frank left and took a job at the Nicola Stock Farm. Following that the family moved to Williams Lake and started Armes Brothers Agencies, selling farm equipment and supplies. Frank had fond memories of his ranching days and spoke fondly of the First Nations people that were the majority of his work crew. He enjoyed a great journey with his bride of 70 years by his side. Frank passed away in 2002



PAUL "BUCK" MAMMEL

2020 BCCHF Inductee - Working Cowboy & Ranching Pioneer

Paul "Buck" Mammel was born in 1920 in Romania. The family immigrated to Canada in 1929 and settled in Alberta. In 1936 they moved to Sardis and became dairy farmers. In 1939 Buck left home and headed to Ashcroft for a job at the Ashcroft Ranch and then moved on to Williams Lake. His first cowboy job was at the Chilco Ranch in 1939 and in 1940 he went to Alkali Lake Ranch. From 1941 to 1943 Paul was in the army but returned to Alkali Lake Ranch. Over the next couple of years, he worked at various ranches including the Gang and Becher's. Buck also spent time on the rodeo circuit which earned him a reputation as a good all-around cowboy. In the early 1950's Buck went to work in the logging industry to earn money for his own ranch. In 1959 alongside his wife Margaret they purchased the Pioneer Ranch at the Miocene, and in 1969 they purchased the Poole Ranch at Rose Lake. In 1973 Buck and his wife sold the Pioneer Ranch known for a quality commercial Angus herd. In semi-retirement Buck began purchasing steers in the spring and selling them in the fall. He was active in local cattlemen's and co-op associations as well as 4-H. Paul died in 1996. Buck was known as a man who held the spirit and life of a cowboy. His word and handshake were his honour.



2020 BC COWBOY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES CON'T

THE BAYLIFF FAMILY & CHILANCOH RANCH

2020 BCCHF Inductee - Ranching Pioneer & Century Ranch

Hugh Peel Lane Bayliff immigrated from England at 18 and worked in Ashcroft and then at the Cherry Creek Ranch. While delivering horses he got his first glimpse of the vast Chilcotin and its autumn splendor that ignited his passion for the Chilcotin area. In 1886 he began the historic Chilancoh Ranch starting with 160 acres overlooking the Chilcotin River. Hugh went to England in 1891 and brought home his bride, Gertrude Tyndle, a skilled rider that rode side-saddle to round up cattle and ride the range. Gertrude had some medical knowledge and helped ranching and native neighbours in times of need. Their only son, Gabriel (Gay), returned to the ranch after WWI and together the two generations built the Big House, which they still live in today. Gay married Dorothy Dyson from England, moved into the new house and continued ranching. Gay and Dorothy had two sons, Timothy (Tim) and Anthony (Tony). After serving in WWII Timothy returned to help at the ranch while Tony took over the neighbouring ranch. Tim met Dorothy Merle Glenny and they were married in 1954. They had three children; Elizabeth who now works in Williams Lake, Hugh who recently passed away, and James who built a logging business but who died in an accident in 1994. Hugh's wife Hellen and children are currently running the ranch today in its second century. The family lost Tim in 2007 and Merle in 2012. The legacy of the three previous generations is being carried on and continues to work to improve the health and sustainability of the environment, ranch, and family.



ALLISON EVERETT (WHITE)

2020 BCCHF Inductee - Builder of Western Culture

Allison Everett (White) born to parents Doug (2011 BC Cowboy Hall of Fame inductee) and Dianne White, had a family that focussed on horses, so Allison and sister Kirsty grew up with it in their blood. Since a young girl Allison had a calm handle on a horse, a quiet nature, natural abilities and skill that drove her for a lifetime of success with horses. She grew up in Maple Ridge riding both English and Western, and began showing horses. Her family moved to 150 Mile House in 1974 where they raised roping stock, trained horses and held various functions throughout the year at both their indoor and outdoor arenas. The two girls started roping and barrel racing. With the loss of their mother when Allison was 14, the girls had to travel the rodeo circuit and train their own horses while their dad looked after the ranch. After high school Allison attended Central Rocky Mountain Region College Rodeo, in Casper Wyoming where she was successful in both her education and rodeo. Now a teacher (librarian) back in Williams Lake, Allison continues to rodeo, train horses, raise roping stock, put on clinics and give lessons. She offers her arena to anyone wanting to learn. Allison is, or has been a volunteer and/or director for numerous local organizations and associations. Allison has won an estimated 56 saddles, a pick-up truck, and numerous buckles and trophies. She still competes in team roping, breakaway roping, barrel racing, or hazing in the steer wrestling event. She has also instilled the love for horses and rodeo in her son Brock, who she taught to ride, rope and has helped him to be successful in rodeo. Allison is an inspiration to others and is continually giving back to the sport of rodeo.





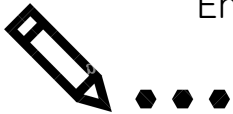
Do you have a story you would like to share from the 2017 Wildfires?

CANADIAN RED CROSS

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

NO SCHEDULED UPCOMING EVENTS.

Do you have an idea or event to raise awareness and support the museum while maintaining social distancing? We would love to hear your ideas! Email mccmarketing@telus.net and let us know!

Re-Opening!

The Museum is scheduled to reopen to the public Monday June 1st from 9am to 5pm.

Hours following June 1st:
7 days/week.

Monday - Saturday 9am to 5pm
Sundays 10am to 3pm

PLEASE NOTE

In accordance with provincial guidelines and working closely with the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Williams Lake, the Museum will be following strict protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

These include:

- Limit of 20 visitors in the building
- Hand sanitizer available
- Asking that visitors reduce touching or handling displays/exhibits
- Social distancing of 2 metres or 6ft apart
- Increased cleaning procedures

We look forward to seeing everyone again soon!



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