



**Jasper-Yellowhead
Historical Society**

**2009
Annual Report**

**Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives
Annual General Meeting
April 30, 2010.**

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**JASPER-YELLOWHEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7:00pm. April 30, 2010

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 - Volunteer of the Year Award
- 7) Adjournment

8:00 pm

A Tribute to Fred Kofin

followed by
refreshments in the Showcase Gallery

JASPER-YELLOWHEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes of April 21, 2009

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Mike Cameron 1905hrs.

2) Approval of Agenda

J.Couture/ F.Kofin - Carried

3) Approval of AGM Minutes April 8, 2008

J.Ogilvy/ K.Walker - Carried

4) REPORTS

4.1) President's Report (Mike Cameron) Accepted as Information

Overview: 2008 showed steady increases in museum attendance, membership, donations, exhibits presented and fund-raising events held.. In August Maligned Lake Tours celebrated 100 yrs of tourism with a lakeside auction, attended by the Premier, which the JYHS was the beneficiary. President Cameron thanked all those who helped to make all the year's events a success.

The Museum constantly changes with new shows, exhibits and acquisitions. Projects for the near future include a new roof and updates to our permanent gallery. The appropriate use of our vacant lot remains a question.

Funding from the Municipality was not as much as the JYHS requested but an increase from past years. They have recognized the importance of the Archives and initiated talks to provide sustained funding.

The Board looked at the Provincial Building to consider relocation downtown but unfortunately the space was not suited to our needs. We will continue to pursue finding a better location as time go on.

Thanks were extended to Manager Karen Byers and her staff, Board members and all the volunteers for doing such a wonderful job.

4.2) Treasurer's Report (Fred Kofin)

J, Couture reported that he, F. Kofin, H.Robinson S. MacQueen and our bookkeeper Val Moser looked over the books. A copy of the Society's finances was sent to Jim Gillespie for review. J.Couture and H.Robinson later had a conference call with him. He commented that the books and our accounting system were in good shape and suggested, because of the great expense of a formal audit/review, that we continue with the review by appointed Society

members. Mr. Gillespie also recommended we amortize the building and equipment at 4% per year. J.Couture remembered that a motion was passed by the Board in 1998 that, because we are a non-profit organization with a large portion of our funds for upkeep and improvements coming from grants, that we should not amortize. Instead capital depreciation would be expensed yearly. J.Couture H. Robinson and Val Moser agreed that equipment and furniture should be amortized yearly.

2008 was a good year but fundraising must continue.

MOVED THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF DEC31, 2008 BE ACCEPTED.
F.Kofin/Glenda Cornforth Carried

4.3) Manager's Report (Karen Byers) Accepted as information

Karen illustrated her report with a power point presentation that highlighted the year's events of the Museum and the Society: Early in 2008 the Board and Museum and Archives staff toured the Provincial building to consider its suitability for relocation. It was decided that it would not meet our needs. Along with numerous special meetings regarding relocation and municipal funding, the Board kept busy with fund-raising and a board retreat.

This year's exhibits were numerous and well-received. The Lake Edith Artists, the David Thompson Quilt, Bears in the Alley and the Mary Schaffer Exhibit were some of the exhibits that drew the most attention. The Bears in the Alley companion book still sells well in the gift shop.

The Tuesday mini-outings and the Lake Edith and Whirlpool outings were fabulous and well-attended. Smores served at the Lake Edith Y Camp event were a big hit. Tuesday coffee hour also proves to be popular most weeks.

Karen showed pictures of some of the unique events that Museum staff and Society volunteers were involved in: the Maligne Tours Centennial celebration, Tea and Trails, Canada Day beer and hamburger concession, Sheila Couture's displays at the Activity Centre, Ian Malaren's talk, and the Solstice Candle Walk.

Karen finished by thanking all the staff, Board and volunteers for all their efforts this past year.

Archives Report (Megan Power) Accepted as information

Revenues are down from 2007 (2007 being an exception year due to requests connected to Parks Centennial) but 2008 saw an increase in local researchers using the Archives for various projects. Some of these projects did not involve

publication and therefore less revenue, but local usage is up from past years. The procedure manual is still a work in progress and backlog is one of those things that never ends, but Megan has made great headway in this area.

Goals for the Upcoming Year:

- Continue to increase Archive revenue
- To increase the number of fonds and photograph descriptions on the ANA and Insight database
- Continue process backlog
- Work on some virtual exhibits for website

Megan thanks Karen and the Board for the support and encouragement..

Collections Report (Dee Dee Bartlett) Accepted as information

Collections had another busy year with regular and one time events. Dee Dee helped organize and supply with artefacts the numerous coffee hours (during the winter) and the mini-outings (during the summer). Temporary displays were created in display cases in the basement hallway and meeting room. Dee also assisted Val Delill with the selection of artefacts for the many in-house exhibits this year.

Dee worked with Ken Walker from Parks to update the Memorandum of Understanding for the permanent loan of Parks Canada artefacts relating to Jasper. This collection continues to grow.

Collections was also involved with drafting a funding proposal to the Municipality, attending a Board and staff retreat in February, producing another calendar, contributing to the Signal newsletter, updating the database for the public access computer in the gallery lobby, working continuously on a Disaster Plan and updating the Collections and De-accessioning Policy.

Dee Dee thanked the many volunteers that helped throughout the year: Sheila Couture for her on going displays at the Activity Centre, and Glenda Cornforth, Cynthia Ball, Joe Couture and staff Karen, Val and Meg for their work on the Accession Committee.

Exhibits Report (Val Delill) - accepted as information

Over the past year the Museum has continued to create its own exhibits highlighting local history and local residents. Although grant requests to help fund a programming /exhibits position have been unsuccessful Val and staff

have presented a number of exhibits large and small. She is also planning a three year schedule for the Showcase Gallery and a one year schedule for the Alcove Gallery.

Highlights of 2008 include:

Bears in The Alley: among other places occupied half the Showcase Gallery for the summer and was well-received. Inspired by Bob Baxter's stories of chasing bears as a kid growing up in Jasper, the exhibit featured pictures and anecdotes of local bear/human interactions. This exhibit featured a kids' activity area and was accompanied by a book which continues to sell well.

Secret No Longer, Mary Schaffer's *Jasper, 1908 and 1911* occupied the other half of the Showcase Gallery and was brought in from the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies. Promoted by both Maligne Lake and Parks Canada the exhibit brought in many tourists. At the conclusion of the show the Whyte Museum donated the prints they had reproduced for the show.

Festival of Trees/ Catalogue Shopping was created as a reminiscence of Christmas past when many residents had to rely on catalogue shopping. Residents enjoyed the show.

The Museum hosted a number of other shows including:

David Thompson Bicentennial Quilts

Jack Beder Art Show

Sandy Robinson "Pre-Christmas Art Show and Sale"

Whiskey Alpha Romeo -A Gen X look at understanding war

Jasper Artist Guild

Lake Edith Artists

Tristan Overy Art Show "Say it don't Spray it"

In the coming year Val looks forward to hosting Erik Visser's "Wildflowers", "Jasper's First Tourist James Carnagie, Earl of Southesk" an exhibit on loan from the Royal Alberta Museum and "Cowpoke Episodes: Glimpses into the Life and Times of a Canadian Cowboy" With original works of art, poems, journal and memorabilia of Stan "Windy" Carr From 1907-1920.

Val and staff will help to produce "A Way of Life, A Legacy to Protect -100 years of the Warden Service" and "Eric Mountjoy: Pioneer Geologist in Jasper National Park"

4.3) Special Report from the Manager

Manager Karen Byers thanked Warren Waxer for service on the Board as he steps down. Karen read a poem in tribute to Warren heavy on Superman imagery (a little over the top but not totally inappropriate) and presented him with a Superman t-shirt and hand-made tartan cape. The Board then presented him with an incredible stone art piece by Anna Carnell with a grizzly bear motif as a going away present.

5) Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1) Election of Officers (H.Robinson) A slate was presented for (2009-2010) as follows:

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| President - | Mike Cameron (Year two of second term) |
| Vice-President - | Bob Bell (Year one of term) |
| Treasurer - | Fred Kofin |
| Secretary - | Cynthia Bell (Year one of term) |
| Historian - | Joe Couture |
| Director - | Mike Wasuita |
| Director - | Herb Robinson |
| Director - | Shelley MacQueen |
| Director - | Jake Derksen |

Call for nominations from the floor. No nominations

MOTION that nominations cease.
John Ogilvy / W. Waxer - Carried

Ex-Officio Directors of the Board confirmed for 2009-20010
Ken Walker - representing Jasper National; Park
Ralph Melnyk- representing Municipality of Jasper

5.2) Appointment of Auditors (F.Kofin)

MOTION Fred asked the membership to authorize the Board to appoint 2 members to "audit" the Society's books for 2009.
J.Couture/W.Waxer Carried

It was then told to the membership that the Board plans to have the books reviewed by an accountant every two years. Herb will approach Bruce Deal (who took over Anthony Jones business) to see if he would be interested.

5.3) Membership Fees (F.Kofin)

MOTION that Membership Fees should remain the same as last year
Single \$25.00
Family \$35.00
Patron \$100.00

J.Couture/M.Wasuita Carried

6) New Business

Volunteer of the Year Award

Joe Couture for amongst other projects his efforts in organizing the outing to the Lake Edith Y Camp.

Brainwave of the Year Award

Arvon Hilworth for his many and varied services provided to the Museum in exhibit construction, archive storage and being a great general handyman.

7) Adjournment : Meeting was adjourned at 20:02 hrs. by President M.Cameron

The meeting was followed by a presentation by Aaron Osicki on archaeological discoveries made in the Park during the construction of the Kinder Morgan pipeline.

President's Report 2009
Michael Cameron

2009 is now history, and with the ongoing global financial crisis, it seems our museum has survived but I would not call it a stellar year. Overall our numbers were down, not much rain last summer meant our attendance was down and subsequently so was our revenue in the gift shop. Thank goodness for the Municipality of Jasper, our strong membership, a number of excellent exhibits and some good fund raising events as well as the wonderful donations from our supporters. They have all helped us to continue to grow and improve our museum and archives. We also received some additional ongoing funding from Parks Canada which we greatly appreciate.

We have been trying unsuccessfully to utilize our empty lot and would welcome any suggestions or ideas from the membership. As always, location, location, location. We would still like to move to a more convenient downtown location, I personally would love to see us relocated in the train station, but it seems that the powers that be are not thinking along those lines. Local studies regarding the replacement of the school, renovations and additions to the library, a revised activity center and a potential conference and performing arts center have all been completed and, amazingly, the museum with their two large lots have been given very little, if any, consideration in the equation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members, all the museum staff and the volunteers for all your hard work over the past year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my presidency.

Respectfully,

Michael D. Cameron

Museum Manager's Report Karen Byers

Due largely to the recession, 2009 was a difficult year for the museum. Our admissions and sales were very low and our attendance numbers told the same story. If it weren't for the increased funding from both the Municipality of Jasper and Parks Canada we would have had trouble surviving. This was especially discouraging after several years of steady increases in visitation. We are working hard with new advertising and promotion to bring back our old customers and develop new markets in 2010. We really appreciate the support we get from both Parks Canada and the Municipality.

2009 was a year of terrific exhibits and programming. Jasper-Where Only the Bears Hibernate, Erik Visser's Wildflowers, A Way of Life, A Legacy to Protect-100Years of the Warden Service, and For the Boys-Jasper's Wartime Contributions are just a few of the many excellent exhibits we had in our galleries.

Sheila Couture's excellent Activity Centre Displays were a big hit this year. Val Delill's Aboriginal Display for Parks Canada forged some wonderful connections with the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation and we were also able to have Brenda Holder of Mahikan Trails do some school programming. Other programming included our spring outing to Pocahontas and mini outings to the Athabasca Backwater, Riley's Gulch, the Municipal Library, the Anglican Church and the Old Firehall. We hosted two wonderful gatherings during the summer-one for the Earl of Southesk and the other for Erik Mountjoy.

Other big events were Jim Taylor's book launch and the Totem Pole removal. We had a good turnout for the spring outing to Pocahontas and Joe and Sheila Couture also put together an excellent outing on the Athabasca River in September. Our coffee times have grown in popularity and we were happy to take coffee on the road to the Alpine Summit Lodge. As we have in the past, we took part in events like Canada Day and Parks Day but we also did some new programming for Ecole Desrochers and had several excellent talks including Fred Kofin's Auschwitz talk on in November.

The staff has taken advantage of many learning opportunities including a Parks Canada outing to the Moberly buildings and a tipi raising inservice. Last spring we hiked Disaster Point with Tom Peterson and Don Beers and learned how to dowse with Bob Hallam.

The museum staff and volunteers are our greatest strength. In the Archives, Meghan Power started off the year on the injured list but has come back healthier and stronger than ever and has been powering through the backlog. In the Collection, Dee Dee Bartlett has been keeping us on task with regular accession meetings where we process an amazing number of artefacts. In Exhibits and Programming, Val Delill has created several excellent exhibits and then finished off the year by landing the biggest grant we have ever received. In the gallery, Lucie Doucet worked long hours this summer but was able to take a couple of long holidays, too. Our volunteers are the glue that holds us together. We count on them for many outings, special events and the day to day work that is so important to keeping us running.

I'd like to mention on special volunteer project. We have had Tyson Sales volunteering for us for about a year and have really enjoyed his weekly visits. This summer, working with Brenda Hill, he took on a research project inspired by a story his mother had told him about a talking crow. Tyson found out who owned the bird and went out to Lake Edith to interview the family who lived in the cottage where Rocky lived. Tyson created a brochure about Rocky that we have in our gift shop.

I'd also like to credit the JYHS board for all their hard work. They are involved in many activities through out the year including promotion, outings, social events and many committees and meetings. We hope the volunteers, board and membership have enjoyed the year as much as we have.

I'd like to thank you for your support and encouragement.

Archives Year-end Report for 2009
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January/February

Archives Revenue: \$36.58/ \$15.15

- January was spent dealing with warden centennial requests and re-housing of rare books
- February was a little slow due to my back injury

March/April

Archives Revenue: \$171.58/ \$71.75

- Archives library re-organized
- Re-housing of photographs begun
- Completion of Weiss digitization project
- On April 29 a group of students from University of Alberta came to visit and looked at the history of geographical and urban and community plans in Jasper. I was able to gather material spanning from 1913 to 2006, including old town plans that spanned from 1960 to 2002. I am pleased to see that we are on the radar of the learning institutions in Alberta

May

Archives Revenue: \$-29.75

- On June 12 another group of U of A students will come to visit the archives with Zac Robinson and Ian MacLaren as part of their studies. I will be putting material related to their projects on display the topics include: Mary Schaffer and the mapping of Maligne Lake Significance of / Athabasca Pass to the land-based fur trade /The Hooker-Brown Controversy/ Jasper House II/ Eviction of Aborigines from Jasper in order to create a wilderness park/ Early mountaineering on the Divide /Railway History in Jasper/ Morrison Bridgland and the Repeat Photography Project/ The Palliser Expedition/ Icefields Parkway
- Association of Canadian Archivists Conference, Calgary
- The conference focus was "Rights, Responsibilities, Trust: Archives and Public Affairs" Overall it was an excellent learning experience and very neat to interact with archivists from across the country and even international members of the archival community.
- I attended the pre-conference workshop which was "Outreach: Interpretation and Ethics". The course was given by Patricia Whatley from the Centre for Archive and Information studies at the University of

Dundee, Scotland. The course addressed the ethical issues of public outreach, including the need for awareness of political and cultural sensitivities, the need to protect the integrity of collections and the potential for misinterpretation. I took away a lot from this workshop and one thing I would like to try is to change up the Fonds Memories a bit and try making a more direct connection between some of the records in the archives and issues within the community (I am not interested in getting too political - kind of along the lines of the article I did about the community gardens and town planning). Regardless, I have only discussed briefly with the new Fitzhugh editor and we will see if the archives articles are still part of the paper's direction - I will keep you posted [update: the Fitzhugh did not seem interested in resuming the history column and instead opted to feature a historic streetscape.]

- One of the other interesting sessions I attended was titled: "Portrayal or Betrayal: Archives and Digitization". This session was very interesting and tackled the issues that archives face when digitizing collections. The main issues here are making sure that the digitization project does not create a different record or authority behind those records. A really simple example is when scanning photographs and if the decision to 'tweak' them in Photoshop is made - is that maintaining the integrity of the record. Even making the decision to digitize one collection over another can have ethical ramifications. The issue gets very complex and philosophical at times. I do however, fall into the school of thought that places great emphasis on making sure that the truth and or credibility of the records are not lost in the digitization process. For the Jasper archives that means making sure I am not 'enhancing' records with Photoshop or if some adjustments need to be made making sure that details as to why and how are recorded so that future users will see the evolution of the record and why decisions were made.

June

Archives Revenue: \$-3.93

- Total of 47 research requests completed to date
- Continuing with re-housing projects, backlog and catch-up from back injury

July/August

Archives Revenue: July \$364.10 / August \$145.11

- Constance Bjorkquist and Mike Wasuita, who have generously donated some extra funding to the archives to help with the processing of backlog, this funding is most appreciated as it will help to increase researcher access to new material.

September/October

Archives Revenue: \$190.00 / N/A

- The following records were processed thanks to special funding received from Constance Bjorkquist and Mike Wasuita. These records are part of the archives backlog and are not 'old' enough to qualify for grant funding, so thank-you Connie and Mike: 2006.15 [mostly photographic materials]
- I attended a workshop in Calgary about how to make, implement and sustain a proper program/policy in regards to digital records. This is a tricky subject as much of the current storage techniques have yet to be deemed stable.

November

Archives Revenue: \$239.76

- With special thanks to Constance Bjorkquist and Mike Wasuita I have been able to process backlog records from 2004 this month. This has included RAD as well I took the time to transfer some 2004 photographic records that had already been processed into new housing, which included new envelopes and storage boxes.

December

Archives Revenue: \$215.00

- Continuing to catch up with backlog and dealing with research requests

General Comments:

- 2009 Revenue: \$1686.35 (2008 Revenue: \$2,488.97) (2007 Revenue): 6,061.32
- Last year, at the end of my AGM report I made the following goals:
 1. Continue to increase archive revenue
 2. To increase the number of fonds and photo graph descriptions on the ANA and InSight database
 3. Continue processing backlog
 4. Work on some virtual exhibits for website

Due to an unfortunate turn of events, 2009 was an awkward year. I suffered a herniated disk and was out of commission for the first three months of the year. The rest of the year was spent catching up and trying to get as much backlog processed. A special thanks to Connie and Mike who donated a sum of money to the archives to be allocated in helping to process backlog. The funds are just about finished and have helped process a couple of boxes of material. A full report on this backlog funding will be submitted later in 2010.

The good news is I am back, as strong - If not a little stronger - than ever. Once again for 2010 my focus will continue to be on increasing archive revenue when possible. I am also continuing my goals from last year and will be able to increase the ANA and Insight database records and continue to work on the backlog. I have been working on a project that involves acquiring the Paul Kane sketches for exhibition in 2012 - so tuned - it will be an excellent opportunity for Jasperites to get up close to some original sketches by a great Canadian artist almost 200 years after they were made, on site! [Yes, I feel the exclamation mark is appropriate here, this is very exciting]

Thanks again to Karen and the Board for the support and encouragement. I have to say thanks for the opportunities, I love this job and I feel fortunate to say that I work for such an excellent organization and with such great people (sorry, I had to get a little mushy)

One mushy moment -- thanks to Fred Kofin:

Fred, I remember the day that I first met you and I knew that you were a special man. Over the last 7 years I have come to know you and I would like to say thanks for your dedication and for you positive example. I have learned so much from the example you have shown just by the way you live your life day to day -I miss seeing you in the mornings -- but I am so pleased that you are doing well and have decided to take a well deserved break ☺ Lots of love, Meg

Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives
Collections Report for 2009
Prepared by Dee Dee Bartlett

It has been another busy year in Collections as we continue to receive donations of artifacts on a regular basis. Many hours were spent on administrative duties including: organizing Accession Committee meetings; documentation for new accessions; cataloguing, cleaning and conservation of artifacts; policy development; research and gallery cleaning. As a group we continued to develop the museum's disaster plan.

Displays

Coffee Hour - During the winter months we each took turns hosting the museum coffee hour. Some of the topics I covered were: Red Pass, the school band with Wes Cummings, the totem pole and Jim Taylor's retirement, curling, the movie "Shanghai Express" and the Government barns and other buildings at the back of town.

Temporary Display Cases - I am responsible for the two temporary display cases in the Bridgland room. Currently being featured are the Jasper Park Lodge golf course and the old Seton Hospital with Dr. O'Hagan.

Chamber Meet and Greet - I set up a small exhibit in the meeting room for the Chamber meet and greet which was held at the museum on the October 13th.

Curling the Best Game in Town - In the fall of 2009 I began researching the history of curling in Jasper in preparation for an exhibit opening in January 2010.

Exhibits - Val Delill has created several in-house exhibits this year. I continue to assist Val with the selection of artifacts for exhibits and the installation and removal of exhibits.

Outings

Mini-Outings - On Aug 18th I was the host for the mini outing to the Anglican Church. I brought along several photos of the church taken over the years for the outing. David Prowse gave us an overview of the church's history and then took us on a tour of the church. Glenda Cornforth and Nancy Addison graciously hosted coffee, tea and goodies at the church hall.

Spring Outing - On May 31st the staff hosted the spring outing at Pocahontas. We went out to the site prior to the outing to explore the area and plan the outing. For the outing itself we had lots of photographs and other information on hand as well as a tour of the old town, cemetery and water tower.

Historic Outing - On June 2nd I had a wonderful opportunity to hike the Disaster Point trail guided by Tom Peterson. It was beautiful sunny clear day. Tom led Karen, Val, Don Beers and I on this historic trail giving us history lessons along the way.

Staff Outing - On October 1st the staff went on a field trip to scout for a potential outing in the Jasper House area. We went to Jasper House as well as the site of a railway construction camp in the area.

Learning Opportunities

On May 4th I attended an AMA workshop in Calgary titled "TOO MUCH STUFF!! THE DEACCESSIONING AND DISPOSITION OF OBJECTS IN MUSEUM COLLECTIONS". This was a very informative session about what to do with the things in the collection that are no longer needed - things that don't fit with our mandate or we have too many of. It was well attended by representatives from other organizations from all over the province. The group discussions were very helpful. It is reassuring to talk to other people in the field and realize we all face similar issues.

Through out the fall I attended four two day courses at NAIT as part of their PC Service and Support Certificate Program.

Volunteers

Thanks to the many volunteers who help throughout the year. Sheila Couture who is always ready to help and regularly creates displays at the Activity Centre. The accession committee: Glenda Cornforth, Cynthia Ball, Joe Couture as well as the staff; Karen, Val and Meg.

Parks Canada

Kinder Morgan Project - Work continues on the cataloguing and of the Parks Canada collection thanks to funding from Kinder Morgan.

Parks Canada Working Agreement - We worked with Ken Walker from Parks to update this agreement. The agreement covers the loan of many Parks Canada artifacts relating to Jasper to the museum. This collection continues to grow as more things are added regularly. This year we added the Jasper National Park

Centennial Time Capsule which was compiled by Ken Walker and Luigi Caputo. Mike Dillon brought in a warden's sweater, first aid supplies, brochures and more.

Supplies - Mike Dillon from Parks Canada was able to purchase a fireproof filing cabinet and clothing racks for the museum to help store the Parks Canada collection.

Other

Totem Pole Removal - I had a great opportunity to ride in the man lift and get some close up shots of the totem pole before it came down. I also met the Parks Canada wood conservator, Rick Lair and gave him a tour of the storage area at the museum. He was able to advise me on caring for many of our wooden artifacts. I was also on hand to photograph the removal of the totem pole.

Teepee - In April Karen I attended a workshop to learn how to put up the teepee and Métis tent which Parks Canada acquired. It was a very interesting experience. Attendance was required in order to be able to use the teepee in the future.

Changing times - Sunday April 26th was the last day for the Tranquilizer chair and Kiefer t-bar at Marmot Basin. I was on hand to record this occasion for the museum.

Gardening - Throughout August Karen and I worked on the clean-up of the front garden area. It still needs more work but it is a lot better than it was.

Digital Audio Clips April

- In April I made some digital copies from vinyl record albums. One album in the collection of particular interest was titled "Horseback Lady of the Rockies". It is a radio broadcast which is part of a series featuring highlights of Canada. This particular broadcast featured Doris Kensit and her experience in the mountains of Jasper National Park. The recording truly represents the era with the style of the announcer, the music and even the scratchy sound from the record album itself.

- I also made a digital copy of a cassette tape featuring Wes Cummings on the piano. Wes Cummings was the School band director.

Research - Recently I have been hearing about a movie which was filmed partly in Jasper. It was a Hong Kong production for the Asian Market. Early research turned up nothing in our archives or on the internet. Many local people were extras in the movie. I talked to several of them and got a lot of conflicting information. Finally I tracked it down. It was filmed at Marmot Basin in Oct 1985 and released in Jan 1986. We now have photos from the set as well as a DVD of the finished movie. It was originally released in the Asian market as "Foo gwai lit che" and in

the US as "Millionaires Express". The DVD version we have is titled "Shanghai Express" and was released in 2007.

Accession Committee

The Accession Committee which meets monthly when possible consists of Cynthia Ball and Joe Couture (JYHS board representatives), Karen Byers, Megan Power, Dee Dee Bartlett, Val Delill, and Glenda Cornforth. The committee evaluates all incoming donations before they can be formally accepted. It is the committee's responsibility to ensure that all incoming donations are relevant to the museum's mandate and that we have the resources to properly care for them.

The museum received numerous new items in 2009. Some of the highlights are:

- Fred Kofin - many Jasper National Park passes with dates ranging from 1948 to 1975
- David Prowse - a pencil advertising Berry's Meat Mart and a framed photograph of Jasper Park Lodge
- Leslie Kinsey - an easel and projector which belonged to her mother Florence Mortimer, a well known painter.
- Deb O'Bryan - Florence Mortimer sketches, brooch from the Robson family and a pill box from Irene Cardinal.
- Toni Klettl - crampons used on the first ascent of the north face of Mt. Athabasca by Toni Klettl and Charlie Dupres. A hand carved chair made by Warden Percy Goodair.
- James Pasko - a field phone, Star Weekly magazine with an article about Jasper.
- Joe and Sheila Couture - a ski ticket and pin from the closing of the Tranquilizer Chair and Keifer t-bar at Marmot Basin and vintage ski clothes.
- Murray Morgan - three Jasper pennants
- Dwayne Wacko - a film splicer from the Chaba Theatre, his mother's sewing machine and two dresses made by his mother
- Fay McCready - two pairs of roller skates
- Arvon Hilworth - Railway sign and switch broom
- Wayne Kennedy - Scout and Cubs artifacts including: badges, achievement chart, stationary, back packs, trophies, books, semi fore flags and chart, cub car kits, red ensign flag, cub flag, and more
- Marge Loftus - swimming pool tickets
- Candice Davis - A set of two curling rocks with storage crate. They once belonged to the Nordgren family.
- Danny Clarke - Maps, Jasper Motors calendar (1961) and a Clarks Men's Wear shoehorn
- Johanna Karley - bathing suit with badges

Programming and Exhibits Annual Report

2009 was a busy year for Programming and Exhibits and we were able to accomplish some great exhibits and good programs to entertain and share our history with the community and visitors.

Funding

Since early 2008 Karen and I have been trying to find funding for the Exhibits and Programming position. We applied to the Alberta Museums Association (AMA) for an Operational Staffing Grant to cover the 2009 year. It was over subscribed by 200% and we were not successful. Instead Karen came up with \$1500 from the AMA Operations Grant and \$11,536.44 from the Community Spirit Grant. In addition, \$1000 was received from the Warden Alumni Association and a \$5000 grant was received from the Eleanor Luxton Foundation for the Warden Centennial exhibit. We received a Natural Resources Canada grant of \$2990 for the Mountjoy exhibit and Anita and Eric Mountjoy also donated \$1000 to the museum. An agreement with Parks Canada to provide some aboriginal programming and a display added \$5000 to budget.

Exhibits

In-house Exhibits

Jasper Where only the Bears Hibernate This exhibit showcased winter activities. We featured lots of photos and included a component on the Jasper Winter Carnival.

A Way of Life, a Legacy to Protect was created at the request of the Warden Alumni Association in celebration of the Warden Service Centennial. The exhibit traveled to Banff for the official Warden Centennial celebrations in September.

The First Tourist, James Carnegie Earl of Southesk The artifacts for this exhibit were borrowed from the Royal Alberta Museum to coincide with a commemorative trip that was planned by the present Earl of Southesk.

For the Boys—Jasper's Wartime Connections This exhibit focused on what was happening in Jasper during war years and included stories of Jasper's war heroes. It was surprising to learn how much went on in such a small town.

Festival of the Trees—A Multicultural Christmas Sheila Couture's connections to the people of Jasper really made this exhibit happen. With so much enthusiasm from the community I will have to plan for another multicultural exhibit.

Parks Canada Aboriginal Project: Last spring Parks Canada requested that we create a display and do some aboriginal programming. I met with the Elders of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation in Grande Cache and worked with Mary Whitehorse in Hinton to create a

display on moccasin making. Parks will be able to use the travelling display for various events.

Special Visitors: Two exhibits brought special visitors to the museum in 2009. *David Carnegie*, the present Earl of Southesk, was in Jasper to commemorate his ancestor's 1859 trip. He was not interested in too much publicity but was happy to attend a reception in his honour. He presented us with a framed print of his ancestor. JYHS Director, Mike Wasuita made it possible for the JYHS to present both the Earl and his wife with beaded moose hide jackets.

Eric and Anita Mountjoy made the trip from Montreal to attend the opening of an exhibit in tribute to his pioneering work in geologically mapping Jasper National Park. This exhibit was created by Ben Gadd and Roger Macqueen.

Loans: There were a few exhibits department loans over the past year-both incoming and outgoing.

Incoming - the most significant incoming loan was the *Southesk Collection* from the Royal Alberta Museum. For the Warden Centennial exhibit we borrowed a *log diamond hitch training tool* and a *long box telephone* which had been converted to an audio pod from the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies. As well, a *1917 British Army Pack Saddle* was borrowed from Parks Canada.

Outgoing - The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies borrowed a *model of Middleforks Warden Cabin* to display at the centennial celebrations.

Acquisitions: Our exhibits do bring in new items for our collection! One great example is an *axe hewn chair made by Percy Goodair*. It was donated by Tony KlettI during the Warden Centennial exhibit. Requirements for the Southesk Collection necessitated a few new pieces of equipment; a *digital light meter*, and *three wireless infrared motion detectors*. We also purchased a *digital audio recorder* for use in exhibits.

Programming

School Programs: We hosted three Science in A Crate exhibits which we mainly brought in for the schools. These were well attended. Brenda Holder of Mahikan Trails was hired to do a moccasin making program, with Marina Lawson's grade 5 class, as part of an agreement with Parks Canada. The kids really enjoyed their session and even the boys were smiling after spending a couple of hours with a needle and thread.

Coffee Hour: This program has really taken off and we have quite a few regular visitors. We took coffee on the road twice to Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge in 2009.

Movies: Three movies were presented in 2009. In February we were treated to a presentation on the 2008 David Thompson Brigade and the movie "*Digging Water: A Voyage by North Canoe*" with approximately 40 people attending. August brought filmmaker George Sibley to town to showcase his "*Shadows of David Thompson*" and we had a full house. George allowed us to use the screening as a fundraiser, we collected \$80.00. In November we were finally able to show "*Nurse Edith Cavell*". This movie is a 1939 classic. About 30 people attended and we raised \$30.00 and \$19.00 in popcorn sales. This commercial film brought with it a few headaches trying to get permission to view it publicly. If there is a distributor or filmmaker in existence the process may be expensive, so we probably won't be able to get permission for other commercial films in the future.

Mini Outings: approximately 20-30 people came out for each mini outing last summer. Locations included the *Athabasca Backwater* by Old Fort Point and *Riley's Gulch* where various people took a ride on the Tarzan rope. We also visited the *Jasper Library* to hear about its past as an RCMP detachment, the *Anglican Church* where Rev. David Prowse shared its long and storied past. Our final mini outing of the season was to the *Old Jasper Fire Hall*.

Special Events: in February for *Family Day* we tried hosting a story telling session but it did not go over well with only a couple of participants showing up. We were invited to participate in a few celebrations on the Info Centre lawn; On *Aboriginal Day*, June 21 we had a small presence with the Parks Canada funded display on moccasin making. On *Parks Day*, July 18 I took a component of the warden exhibit to display and retired Warden, Rod Wallace, told stories of life in the backcountry. August 28 was the Wildlife Festival and I set up a display based on the 2008 exhibit "Bears in the Alley". The events on the Info Centre lawn are good exposure for the museum to visitors and residents of the community.

Presentations: there were many good presentations over the year starting with Rick Zroback's David Thompson Brigade. Rick shared his thoughts, comparing a voyageur trip

in 1808 to the one he participated in 2008. Jack Glenn gave us some insight into life as an Alberta Forest Ranger with his book launch for "Mountain Trails". At the AGM Aaron Osicki spoke about the archaeological discoveries he made working on the TMX pipeline. Jim Taylor released his book "Jasper: a history of the place and its people" and held his book launch here. Fred Kofin rounded out our presentations for 2009 giving a moving talk, to a packed house, on his experiences at Auschwitz. Fred's talk brought in \$68.00 in donations.

Volunteers: I'd like to say a special "Thank-You" to all the volunteers who have helped with exhibits and programming over the past year. Sheila Couture has been invaluable in getting displays in at the Activity Centre and for pulling together the exhibit *A Multicultural Christmas*. Sheila has also been a big help with the mini outings, taking one on each year. Arvon Hilworth is my recycle king and builder helping with construction of props needed for exhibits while Don Voth helps out with construction as well. Roger and Margaret Maltby helped out at Parks Day and Roger's help with the Wartime exhibit was greatly appreciated. Fred Kofin, Rick Zroback, Aaron Osicki, Jim Taylor and Jack Glenn volunteered their time to give presentations. Ursula Winkler's creative talents are put to good use crafting with the kids or adults. Julianne Shea makes my life easier by doing the recycling for the office.

Education: In February I participated in an AMA course on research held in Hinton. The Multicultural Heritage Centre in Stony Plain hosted a hat mount workshop in March which I took part in and I attended a Canadian Conservation Institute workshop on Mount Making for Museum Objects at the Royal Alberta Museum in June.

2009 Exhibits at a glance

Titles in **bold** were in-house productions

Showcase Gallery

Jan 16-Feb 1 Sandy Robinson "Travels with Watercolour"

Feb 5-15 Science in a Crate "Ways of knowing: Lessons from the Sky"

Feb 19- Mar 1 Science in a Crate "Jr. Paleontologist"

Mar 23-Apr 5 Science in a Crate "Rock Stars and Mineral Superheros"

Apr 10-May 10 Erik Visser "Wildflowers"

May 22 - Sept 7 **A Way of Life, a Legacy to Protect** (in half the gallery)

June - Sept 7 Stan Carr "Cowpoke Episodes" (in half the gallery)

Sept 11-30 Jane Shephard "The Light Between Words"

October 8-November 22 **"For the Boys- Jasper's Wartime Connections"**

November 26-December 18 **"Festival Of the Trees"**

Alcove Gallery

Jan- May 24 "Jasper Where only the Bears Hibernate"
June 5-September 7 "The First Tourist, James Carnegie Earl of Southesk"
Sept 15-Jan 3 "Eric Mountjoy, Pioneer Geologist in Jasper National Park"

2009 Programming at a glance

Jan to Apr 15 & Oct 15 to Dec - Coffee Hour every Tuesday
Jan 13 Coffee On the Road to Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge
Feb 14 David Thompson Brigade Video Presentation "Digging Water"
Feb 16 Family Day Story Telling "The Blizzard of 1989"
Feb 19 Book Launch Jack Glenn "Mountain Trails"
Apr 21 AGM Aaron Osicki Presentation "Past Human Use of the Athabasca and Miette River Valleys"
May 19 Mini Outing "Athabasca Backwater"
May 27 School Program Mahikan Trails - Moccasin Making
May 31 Spring Society Outing "Pocohontas"
Jun 16 Mini Outing "Riley's Gulch"
Jun 21 Aboriginal Day "Moccasin Case" on display info centre lawn
Jun 23 Book Launch Jim Taylor "Jasper"
Jul 18 Parks Day Warden display and warden stories by Rod Wallace
Jul 21 Mini Outing "Jasper Library"
Aug 15 Earl of Southesk Reception
Aug 18 Mini Outing "St. Mary & St. George Anglican Church"
Aug 22 Movie Presentation "Shadows of David Thompson"
Aug 29 Wildlife Festival "Bears in the Alley" display
Sept 11 Jane Shepard Reception
Sept 15 Mini Outing "The Old Jasper Fire Hall"
Sept 18 Eric Mountjoy Reception
Sept 27 Fall Society Outing "Old Fort Point"
Oct 13 Jasper Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Mixer
Nov 8 Speaker "Fred Kofin on his Auschwitz experiences"
Nov 11 Movie Presentation "Nurse Edith Cavell"
Dec 13 Christmas Crafts with Ursula Winkler
Dec 21 Solstice Walk

