



YUKON HISTORICAL &amp; MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## Passion for Heritage Shines through in Contest



1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Poster Contest- Victoria Holmes

While scanning the winsome collection of posters and photographs submitted for the Heritage Places Poster and Photo Contest, it was apparent that our suspicions were correct in assuming Yukoners share our passion for the Yukon's heritage.

The contests allowed Yukoners an opportunity to delve further into their histories and to express themselves creatively, a challenge taken on wholeheartedly by many of the contestants.

Judges included Bruce Barrett, Historic Sites Unit, Government of Yukon; Missy Folwell, Yukon Heritage Resources Board member; and Darrell Hookey, editor of *What's Up Yukon*.

Together, the group was tasked with evaluating how well submissions portrayed a heritage site and explained the significance of the site through the photograph and statements of significance.

Some chose a more technical approach to portraying the sites historical past while others included a more poetic approach to defining heritage, but it was the submissions that fused history with an obvious passion that shone through and truly impressed the judges.

Also, the "wow" factor could not be ignored as you looked upon many of the photos and, when melded with a great summation of why the site was

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important, it made judging the photographs at least a tiny bit easier.

First place in the professional category was Robert Postma's breathtaking photograph of an army dump that brings out powerful feelings about the region.

Postma writes: "A trip up the highway is like a trip back in time. You can almost feel the hardships the men and machines faced, being the first to punch a route through the wilderness." His photograph elaborates on these points by featuring the abandoned vehicles on the Canol Highway fading into the colourful mountain backdrop of the now mostly abandoned route.

Sara Bergquist, amateur category winner, chose the Yukon Theatre as the subject of her photograph for its architectural, cultural and social features.

While the photograph early modernist façade signage, Bergquist by stating, "The Yukon past in a tangible way through the same the same snack bar and same space that night, on December 4,

The contests also prove old to appreciate and places. Nine-year-old took top prize in the youth photograph of the Landing.



*1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Amateur— Sara Bergquist*

prominently displays the and Art Deco influenced elaborates the significance Theatre connects us to the even today, we still walk doorway, buy our snacks at we are entertained in the Yukoners were on opening 1954."

that you do not need to be understand heritage Shadunjen Van Kampen category with her graveyard at Steamboat

She chose the site because it represents a part of her heritage, a place where members of her family are buried and close to where her family and ancestors have been living for thousands of years.

Similarly, the elementary school winner of the poster contest, Victoria Holmes, a Grade 6 student from Robert Service School, chose St. Andrews Church in Dawson City. The fact that the site has been boarded up and closed as long as she can remember, it has not hindered her curiosity and the importance of the building has played in the community for the past 107 years.

To truly appreciate the artistry of this year's submissions, they must be seen in person and considered with the accompanying artist's statement of significance.

Winning entries and a selection of runners up will be featured in a temporary exhibit at the Yukon Historical & Museums Association which will formally open during the week-long International Museums Day celebrations on May 20 at 5:30 p.m. For more information please contact Rebecca Jansen at 667-4704.

Thank you to Canada's Historic Places and the Historic Sites Unit for sponsoring the contest and Mac's Fireweed Books for donating prizes.

## WINNERS

### Photo Contest

#### Professional

1st--Robert Postma, 2nd--Mark Prins, 3rd--Sonja Ahlers

#### Amateur

1st--Sara Bergquist, 2nd--Krystal Feres, 3rd--Audrey Levesque

#### Youth

1st--Shadunjen van Kampen, 2nd--Teneil Caron,  
3rd--Yataya van Kampen

### Poster Contest

#### Primary

1st--Pascale Dubois, 2nd--Caroline, 3rd--  
Nathan Easterson-Moore

#### Elementary

1st--Victoria Holmes, 2nd--Keiron, 3rd--Joe  
Wallingham

# YHMA NEWS

## International Museums Day

Museums around the world have been celebrating International Museums Day is celebrated on or around May 18<sup>th</sup> since 1977. The International Council on Museums motto: "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, co-operation and peace among peoples", will help guide Yukon museums in organizing their events.

Whitehorse and community museums will be joining in the celebrations by declaring May 18-24 as Museums Week in the Yukon. A time when many Yukon museums are just opening their doors for the season, a variety of events and activities have been organized to celebrate the occasion.

### Events taking place:

#### ***Keno City Mining Museum***

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>-  
Free admission all day long

#### ***Beringia Interpretive Centre***

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>- Open 9am-6pm  
Free admission all day long with special events and games taking place, all are welcome to come and take part in a real archaeology dig.

#### ***Yukon Historical & Museums Association***

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>- 5:30 pm (free)  
Exhibition Opening: Heritage Places Contest

#### ***Old Log Church Museum***

Wednesday, May 21-  
Free Admission all day.  
2 preview showings of our new DVD presentation, "Connection to the Past, Legacy for the Future: 150 Years of the Anglican Church in the North."  
Showings: 2pm, 7pm. (Running time: 1hr)

#### ***MacBride Museum of Yukon History***

Thursday May 22-  
Grand opening gala of MacBride Museum of Yukon History's new building and gallery, which chronicles the people and events that built Canada's Yukon.  
Friday May 23-  
All-day open house

#### ***Yukon Arts Centre Public Art Gallery***

Thursday, May 22nd - 7:30pm (free)  
Exhibition Openings  
*ROOTS* - curated by Yukon Arts Society  
An all-Yukon exhibition explores our roots in history, relationships, culture and our northern environment. Paintings, drawings, photography, textile work, sculpture, traditional carving and mixed media work reflect the range of voices in the Yukon Arts Society.  
*PSYCHE* - James Kirby  
Dark magic and spirituality are studied through stone carving and fine metal work by Whitehorse artist James Kirby.

## Notice of Annual General Meeting- June 4, 2008

The Yukon Historical & Museums Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting June 4, 2008 at a location to be determined. Please plan to attend to ensure that your vote counts.

The AGM will include the presentation of the Annual Report and financial statements as well as the presentation and call for adoption of YHMA's new strategic plan which can be viewed on our website at <http://www.heritageyukon.ca/Publications/documents/YHMAStrategicPlan-Final.pdf>.

Please note that only paid members are eligible to vote. Time will be available prior to the AGM for those of you wishing to purchase or renew your membership.

YHMA is also seeking interested and committed individuals to join the Board of Directors. If you would like to nominate someone or would like more information on becoming a board member please contact the YHMA office at 867-667-4704 or email [yhma@northwestel.net](mailto:yhma@northwestel.net)



# Yukon Heritage Resources Board Update

Submitted by Loree Stewart, Executive Director

The Yukon Heritage Resources Board held two two-day board meetings on February 8/ 9, and March 28/29 to conclude the fiscal year. The Board made final recommendations on the Yukon Historic Resources Fund applications at its February meeting and these were approved by Minister Taylor in March.

The Board continues to develop the *Draft Rules of Procedure for Determining Ownership of Heritage Resources under Chapter 13 of Yukon First Nation Final Agreements*. The Board reviewed revised drafts at both the February and March meetings. A meeting is scheduled in April to finalize the draft which will be sent out to governments for review and comment. A power point presentation to accompany the rules has also been drafted. It is hoped that comments will be received on the draft rules by the end of July so that they can be finalized by fall 2008.

The Board has purchased gifts for the students attending the Historica Regional Fair and board members look forward to judging and attending this event on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the High Country Inn convention centre from 9am – 2pm.

A board member and staff recently attended the Application of the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* workshop hosted by Parks Canada on April 7-9 in Dawson City.

The Board will visit Carcross on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and has a number of activities planned. The Board hopes to catch sight of the departure or arrival of the first White Pass train into Carcross for the season. The Board is also planning its annual community visit and will visit Old Crow August 8-11.

Over the winter the Board has been revising its website to update the content and board member photos and biographies. A new section called “Events” has been created to provide readers with a general calendar of heritage events, funding and training opportunities and other events relevant to the Yukon heritage community. Staff provide Board members with this information on a regular basis so a pilot project of uploading the same information onto the website with links, wherever possible, has been developed. It is intended to provide information two months in advance of events. YHRB would appreciate any feedback or ideas about this calendar. If there is anything heritage organizations would like the public to know about, they are encouraged to send the event, dates and links to YHRB at [yhrb@northwestel.net](mailto:yhrb@northwestel.net) and we will put that information on the YHRB website.

YHRB welcomes comments from the heritage community and public on any of its recent activities. The YHRB office is located in the historic Taylor House at 412 Main Street, Whitehorse, Y1A 2B7; phone: 668-7150; email [yhrb@northwestel.net](mailto:yhrb@northwestel.net) and web: [www.yhrb.ca](http://www.yhrb.ca).

Photo: YHRB board members outside the Taylor House in -42 temperatures!  
Credit: YHRB 2008



# YUKON ARCHIVES NEWS

## **Updates to the *Yukon Archives' Researchers Contact List*:**

Each year the Archives updates its local researchers list which is provided without prejudice to anyone who needs to hire a local researcher. All arrangements about the research required and the fees charged are carried out directly between the local researcher and the client. If you are a researcher living in Yukon and would like to be added to the list, please contact Donna Darbyshire at 867-667-8064 or e-mail [donna.darbyshire@gov.yk.ca](mailto:donna.darbyshire@gov.yk.ca)

## **Recent Staff and Project Updates:**

After eight years as Government Records Archivist, Heather LeDuc has accepted the permanent position of Art Curator at the Arts Section in the Department of Tourism and Culture. Heather has been acting as the Art Curator for the last year and we wish her all the best in her new career.

Wendy Sokolon and Vanessa Thorson have accepted permanent jobs at the Archives as Government Records Archivists. They have been working at the Archives since mid-February 2007. Wendy is assuming the position that Heather has vacated and Vanessa is staffing the new ¾ time position made available by Devolution funding.

Tracy Hanson recently completed a two year job cataloguing over 4,000 books and pamphlets acquired by the Archives' Library over the last few years. These published materials range in subject from political development, economic and environmental impact studies to health and nursing publications. These catalogue records are now available in the *Public Access Catalogue* (PAC) portion of the Archives' website at [www.yukonarchives.ca](http://www.yukonarchives.ca).

Murray Munn has been editing and proofing the *Yukon Archives Name and Subject Authority* database since mid December 2007. Murray was responsible for reviewing and proofing the names for consistency and adding short biographical sketches to uniquely identify specific individuals.

## **Selected Recent Acquisitions:**

Two photograph albums created by Jock Paterson documenting his life and work as a deckhand on the S.S. Tutshi, Yukon, in the Nolan mine out of Atlin, BC, and at the Whitehorse airport as base Aircraft Maintenance Engineer and Base Manager from 1942 - 1983. Included are images of aviation activity at Whitehorse airport during and immediately after WWII. (Jock Paterson fonds, accession # 2008/66)

900 slides purchased at public auction by George Ganley in Whitehorse. Included are scenes of Whitehorse (building the South Access road, Queen Elizabeth's visit, Haeckel Hill, etc.), Carcross, Carmacks, Haines Junction, Dawson City, and the Kluane area between 1959 and 1964. (George Ganley collection, accession # 2008/34)

A scrapbook documenting the moving in 1974 of the sternwheeler S.S. Klondike a distance of 365 feet backwards onto the lower flat area of Whiskey Flats, Whitehorse, lowering its elevation 16.44 feet. Included are 130 photographs, photo captions, technical drawings and news clippings. (Max Ayers collection, accession # 2008/32R)

111 photographs donated by the Kelowna Archives primarily consisting of Klondike Gold Rush era photographs taken by H.C. Barley, E.A. Hegg, and unknown photographer(s) from circa 1897 through 1912. (E.C. Hawkins collections, accession # 2008/31)

The corporate records of the Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay (KCIBR) including minutes of Board meetings, AGMs, income statements and correspondence, dating from ca. 1992 – 2006. (KCIBR fonds, accession # 2007/175R)



# 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HISTORICA FAIR

One of the highlights of the arrival of spring is the Annual Yukon Historica Fair. This year's Fair marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Regional Fair to be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Yukon Convention Centre in Whitehorse.

An initiative of the Historica Foundation, a national charitable organization, the Historica Fair Program was developed in 1993 to encourage students to explore Canadian heritage in a dynamic, hands-on learning environment. Students use the medium of their choice to tell stories about Canadian heroes, legends, and achievements - and present the results of their research at a public exhibition. The Fair is divided into three components – School Fairs held in March, the Regional Fair held in May, and the National Fair held in July and hosted in a different community in Canada.

This year's Yukon Historica Fair brings together the best and brightest heritage projects from schools participating from Dawson City, Mayo, Destruction Bay, Haines Junction, Pelly Crossing, and Whitehorse. Five students and their projects will then be selected to join with 165 students from across Canada for the National Fair and week long Culture Camp to be held in Victoria, in July.

The Yukon Historica Fair would not be possible without the generous support of teachers, volunteers and the following corporations and organizations:

City of Whitehorse; Departments of Education and Tourism & Culture, Government of Yukon; Northwestel Inc.; Skookum Asphalt Ltd.; White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad; Yukon Heritage Resources Board; Yukon Historical & Museums Association

Members of the community and the media are welcome to attend the Yukon Historica Fair from 9:00 am to 2:15 pm.

For more information please contact Susan Twist at [stwist@klondiker.com](mailto:stwist@klondiker.com) or visit the Historica website at [Histori.ca](http://Histori.ca) and follow the links to the Fairs.

## GRAND OPENING GALA MAY 22-23



Save the dates! The MacBride Museum of Yukon History's new building and gallery, which chronicles the people and events that built Canada's Yukon, will officially open its doors with a grand opening gala on Thursday, May 22.



**MacBride Museum**  
of Yukon History

The celebration will continue with an all-day open house on Friday, May 23.

At the same time the museum will also open its refurbished lower gallery. It features the Cluttertorium, a historic photo gallery, an improved First Nation gallery and a new archaeology exhibit, developed in collaboration with Yukon government archaeologists. All museum members are welcome to attend. Watch for more information on this exciting upcoming event.

# Rampart House Reconstruction

Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation- Old Crow, Yukon

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

Freddie Frost, Wilfred Josie and Moses Lord have years of experience working the trapline, hunting caribou, and setting nets for salmon in the Porcupine River. In addition to their skills on the land, they are excellent carpenters, handy with hammer, saw and ax. They have built cabins in the bush and smoke houses for fish and meat. And they have worked as carpenters in their village of Old Crow, in northern Yukon.



Wilfred Josie and Moses Lord hewing  
Credit: VGFN and S. Smithlogs

Despite their vast experience, in the last several years the men have had to learn what, for them, are new carpenters skills: how to strip the bark from timber and square the ends, and how to cut notches the old way, with a flat ax. That is because Frost, Josie and Lord are the core of a team of builders who are restoring an abandoned fur trading post called Rampart House. Rampart House, on the Porcupine River, 80 kilometres downriver from Old Crow, is a cluster of buildings from an old settlement that was abandoned about 60 years ago.

This northern corner of the Yukon is the land where the Vuntut Gwitchin and their ancestors have lived for thousands of years. Vuntut Gwitchin means "people of the lakes." The people take their name from the nearby Old Crow Flats, which is covered with lakes.

Rampart House is near a traditional location for hunting caribou. Archaeologists have found lots of evidence of the caribou—bones and caribou fences which people used to build to corral the herd and make it easy to spear the animals.



Cadzow House reconstruction  
Credit: VGFN and S. Smithlogs

These northern reaches of the Porcupine River are where the Porcupine herd, which numbers about 150,000, cross each spring and fall during the migration. The animals spend their summers calving on the Arctic coast.

Caribou have sustained the Gwitchin of northern Alaska, Yukon and the Northwest Territories since time immemorial. Fur trading companies like the Hudson Bay Company and independent traders built posts near where the Gwitchin hunted caribou.

The Bay built a trading post at Rampart House in 1890. Soon after, the Anglican Church and St. Luke's Church arrived and built churches and schools. Next, an independent trader named Dan Cadzow opened a store in 1904. Judging from his impressive twin-

gabled house, Cadzow must have done pretty well for himself.

While the Northwest Mounted Police built a post here, the Gwitchin? a nomadic people? lived here for periods of time during their seasonal round. Over time, however, the Gwitchin left Rampart House to settle in Old Crow.

The Rampart House is co-managed by the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation government and the Yukon government. The Vuntut Gwitchin government is now working with the territorial government to hire Vuntut Gwitchin citizens to develop oral history projects and film documentaries which celebrate and preserve their heritage. The restoration of Rampart House is an important part of that initiative.

Every summer since 1999, when the water is high in the Porcupine, a building crew, including Frost, Josie and Lord, leaves Old Crow and travels downriver to Rampart House. For a short but intense four weeks, they work long hours to restore the old buildings. "The men are very skilled carpenters," says Brent Riley, who is the historic sites restoration officer for the Yukon Department of Tourism and Culture.

So far they have completed a beautiful reconstruction of the Cadzow store. It was a major job because cracked and rotten lumber had to be removed. The project also meant the men had to learn an old log construction technique called "pièce sur pièce." A heritage log expert from Parks Canada showed them how it was done.

The crew has also started the restoration and reconstruction of Cadzow's two-storey, log home. The carpenters from Old Crow who are rebuilding Rampart House are reconnecting in a very real way with their ancestors. Not only have they seen photos and records of family members who lived and traded at Rampart House, they have heard stories from the Elders who hunted the caribou in the hills beyond the trading post.

Rampart House: <http://www.oldcrow.ca/ramp1.htm> <http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/436.html>

## Don't Forget your MP3 Player: YHMA is Going Hi-Tech



Once again, YHMA has been very busy drumming up support and developing innovative ideas to promote Yukon History. With a special thank you to the Yukon Government, Special Programs Capital Assistance Program, YHMA will embark on three new downtown walks for our Whitehorse Heritage Walking Tours.

Over the summer YHMA will be hard at work fusing history and techno wizardry, as our new tours will be offered exclusively by podcast. The tours, which will be developed by YHMA and through a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Whitehorse, will touch on youth interests and art, Whitehorse architecture, and of course our essential historical tour.

We are really excited to develop the new narrations that will no doubt provide a fresh spin on our traditional tour. "This is an exciting opportunity to incite new audiences and to advocate a fine appreciation for Yukon architecture and public artworks" notes YHMA Executive Director Rebecca Jansen.

Those involved in the project, couldn't agree more. The podcast on public art will be developed, recorded and sound edited by an associate of The Boys and Girls Club of Whitehorse. BGC Executive Director, David Prodan, is keen on involving the youth perspective. "We are very excited to be partnering with YHMA on the podcast project and we are just delighted to be involved in producing a historical tour that gives youth a voice. It's rare that youth are approached for historical content, but they have a story to tell and a unique way of seeing."

This project will follow BGC training on podcasts and sound editing, which will really help out the podcast production. YHMA has high expectations from the BGC and anticipate a hip look at our public artworks.

The architectural podcast will take visitors and locals on a fascinating walk around Whitehorse to examine our unique aesthetic. Listeners will enjoy a promenade around downtown as they journey from the time of goldrush cabins to the development of Whitehorse's newly erected ultra modern structures. YHMA promises a good look at frontier settlements, city planning, and the mavericks of infrastructure.

The traditional Historical tour will continue to feature prominent historical buildings, get ready for some fun facts and a spotlight on Whitehorse history!

All of the tours will be available by download from YHMA website. We hope to give flexibility to history seekers and encourage people to walk our city, in its full appreciation. Young or old, tourist or local, our podcasts will offer a wide range of tours so that anyone can take a fun, education walk of our town.

Podcast will be ready for download walking tour season 2009, we will be keeping you posted on our progress. For inquiries or more information, please contact Erin Wall at 667-4704 or by email: [yhmaprojects@northwestel.net](mailto:yhmaprojects@northwestel.net).

# Helen Couch – YHMA’s Volunteer for the Centuries

By Clara Rutherford

Helen Couch went home to “God’s Acre” on February 3, 2008 leaving YHMA members with beautiful memories.

Who could ever forget Helen’s gentle presence at every YHMA event? Whether it was getting ready for the annual YHMA elections, the great bingo fundraiser back in ‘92 or the visit to Keno City Café as part of YHMA’s trip to Mayo, Helen was there ready to reminisce with the sourdoughs and to welcome the cheechako YHMA members and to make them all feel truly at home. It didn’t matter if she was calling you at home to invite you to run for office or to make sandwiches for a YHMA tea, she always had time to make sure that you knew that what you did mattered to her, to YHMA and to the history of the Yukon which would outlive us all.

Helen was truly an extraordinary member and volunteer. No task was too small and no task was too large for the politically astute Helen. She could reprimand us with a “Well now” that set you gently in place or she could firmly reel in a YHMA president if he ventured out too far in the line of advocacy duty. I once heard her respond to someone praising her for volunteering at her age with “Well, I do what I can.”

A recipient of the YHMA’s volunteer of the year award in 2002, Helen had actually given 63 years of dedicated service that made the Yukon a better place to live. It is fitting indeed that the award was renamed at the Heritage Awards in 2008 as the *Helen Couch Volunteer of the Year Award*.

A resident of Swift River in 1945, Helen baked and sewed for American soldiers, opened her home to travelers. Especially the British Yukon Navigation truckers, Health Nurse Miss Hackett, school children from Rancheria, and “The Brownies” Sunday School Missionaries Miss Hassell and Miss Saule.

In the early 1950s the Couch family moved to Whitehorse where Helen became Alderwoman for Camp Takhini Community for two terms, organized the Takhini Youth Club, was a founding member of the Takhini Elementary School PTA and often attended conferences across Canada at her own expense. She organized kindergartens at Takhini and Porter Creek schools and worked to have kindergarten included in the Education Act.

Helen was a Sunday School teacher, a foster mother to countless children, camp mother, camp cook, fundraiser for Mount Mac Rec Centre, the recipient of the MacDonald-Cartier Award in Ottawa (1989), twice nominated for the City of Whitehorse Volunteer of the Year Award, Mrs. Yukon 1992, and board member of many not-for-profit organizations including the first Board of Directors for the Yukon Heritage Resources Board.

Could there be anyone in the Yukon who doesn’t know Helen Couch and her contributions to the Yukon? The YHMA thanks you Helen for being who you are and doing all you could and more. Rest easy in “God’s Acre” with your book of “Yukon Memories”.



## 2007 Heritage Awards



*Darius Elias, Tip Evans and Michael Gates accepted this year's Heritage Awards. Photo Credit: Michael & Kathy Gates 2008*

The 2007 Annual Heritage Awards were presented Monday February 18, 2008 at the Yukon Archives.

Darius Elias, MLA - Vuntut Gwitchin, accepted the Annual Heritage Award on behalf of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nations Heritage Committee.

The Committee was honored for their commitment to undertaking heritage research and projects in their traditional territory. Since 1999 the Committee has undertaken this challenge with great enthusiasm depending greatly on their knowledge of the language and culture.

They strive to preserve the heritage, language, customs,

values, practices and traditions that make up the culture of their people by documenting the rich cultural heritage. The collected information has been further creatively developed into educational materials for the school, Online Atlas, Visitor Reception Center exhibits, a book, documentaries and reports.

Tip Evans, President of the Teslin Historical and Museums Society accepted the Historic Places Initiative Heritage Conservation Project of the Year Award conservation work on the Teslin Radio Repeater Station. Their work on the Radio Repeater Station best exemplifies the practices outlined in the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Sites in Canada.

The lifetime achievement award was presented to Michael Gates, whose contribution to the heritage of the Yukon is truly exceptional. A Parks Canada employee over the past three decades Mr. Gates has worked as the Curator of Collections and Cultural Resources Manager in Whitehorse and Dawson City. He was involved in the preservation and presentation of dozens of Dawson buildings, as well as the SS Keno, Dredge No. 4, and cultural resources on the Chilkoot Trail and SS Klondike National Historic Sites. He was also the Project Manager for the restoration of the Commissioner's Residence.

His passion for Yukon heritage extends into countless hours outside of his official work. One of these achievements is his book: *Gold at Forty Mile Creek: Early Days in the Yukon* (1994), which chronicles the life and times of the first gold-seekers from 1873 until the Klondike stampede in 1896. Most recently he has found a way to popularize Yukon history through his column, "History Hunter", in the Yukon News. Mr. Gates is an active member of the YHMA and served as the vice president of the association from 1980-1981.

Mr. Gates also entertained the crowd with a look back at his career as this year's special guest lecturer. Mr. Gates, truly proved to be the perfect choice to speak to this year's National Heritage Day theme, *Careers in Heritage*.

Congratulations to all the winners from the board and staff of the Yukon Historical & Museums Association. Nominations for the 2008 Heritage Awards will be accepted until January 15, 2009.

# TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

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## **Fundraising Strategies for Heritage Organizations**

Thursday June 5, 2008 at Fort Langley National Historic Sites

Increase your organization's readiness and capacity to fundraise through this one-day interactive workshop. This session builds your understanding of the role of fundraising within organizations, current types of fundraising activities and familiarizes you with a range of tools available to assist your organization in fundraising. Strategies for marketing and communications as well as engaging constituents in the mission of the organization are also explored. Through this workshop, you will also consider human and financial resources in addition to board development as key elements in developing realistic fundraising strategies. Current trends in philanthropy will be discussed in relation to the field of heritage conservation in British Columbia.

This session is designed for staff and board members of heritage organizations, community heritage foundations, historical societies, local government agencies as well as managers of cultural facilities and historic sites.

Please register by: May 12 (late registrations accepted if space permits) Fee: \$100 plus GST

For more information, please contact:

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Visit our Web site! <http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/crmp>

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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**The next intake for the Yukon Heritage Training Fund is August 20, 2008.**

The Yukon Historical & Museums Association would like to thank Advanced Education, Government of Yukon for their continued support in making this fund a reality.

For more information on how to apply please visit <http://www.heritageyukon.ca/trainingfund.aspx> , call Rebecca Jansen, HTF Advisor, at 667-4704 or stop in at 3126 Third Avenue, Whitehorse to pick up an application.

## THE YUKON FOUNDATION

**Serving Yukon's Future/ Preserving Yukon's Past**

The Yukon Foundation was established in 1980 by 17 Yukoners who each contributed \$100 and their names and experience in various fields, to establish and register this new Yukon funding organization. It is administered under the Yukon Foundation Act.

The objectives of the Yukon Foundation are:

- To promote educational advancement and scientific or medical research for the enhancement of human knowledge;
- To provide support intended to contribute to the mental, cultural and physical well-being of residents of Yukon;
- To promote the cultural heritage of Yukon.

Any Yukon resident or non-profit organization can apply for funding from the Foundation.

Applications maybe accessed from the Yukon Foundation Website: [www.yukonfoundation.com](http://www.yukonfoundation.com)

**Applications must be returned by the deadline, May 31st, 2008.**



Yukon Historical & Museums Association

Newsletter Submissions

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

The newsletter is our way of fostering communications among the heritage community.

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:

Summer: July 4, 2008

Fall: October 3, 2008

Winter: January 8, 2009

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



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Committees:

Volunteers are always welcome and your skills are valuable to our organization. Please indicate below if you are interested in any of the following committees:

- Conference Planning, Heritage Buildings, Newsletter, Museums, Fundraising, Training, Other

Tourism Industry Association Yukon Membership:

As a value added all YHMA members automatically become a member of TIA Yukon. For more information visit www.tiayukon.com

- Yes! I would like to become a TIA Yukon Member for no additional charge.
No thank you, please do not share my information with TIA Yukon.