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Geese at Carcross April 17, 2012

Photo courtesy Heather Jones hjones@northwestel.net (In Carcross)

THE OLD MINERS CABIN

By Gus Barrett sourdoughs2@shaw.ca (In Qualicum Beach BC)

An old cabin looks out from a pine covered hill
To a creek where once stampede toiled,
With their shovel and pan where the swift water ran,
To wrestle the gold from the soil.
Its door hangs agape to the wind and the rain.
A humble abandoned abode,
Just a relic from when there were thousands of men.
In the search for that great Mother Lode.

The yard Is a jumble of old mining gear,
Broken wheelbarrow, shovel and pan,
A windlass and pail and a shaft by the trail
To the stream where the gold rush began

At the rear of the cabin, an old garden plot,
Which once supplemented his diet,
Where, save for the breeze and the buzzing of bees,
There's an eerie, unnatural quiet.

I squeeze through the opening, into the gloom,
Where nobody's ventured for years.
I peered through the gloom in that one single room
Sparsely furnished, just table and chairs.
An ancient tin heater with crumbling flue.
A few dishes, some chipping and cracked,
A rusty old pan of a gold mining man,
And a poke, hanging empty and slack.

Tell me, old cabin, I'm longing to hear,
The secrets held inside your walls,
Who was the young man you sheltered in here,
In those days when the gold fever called.
What were his dreams, as he toiled in the stream?
In search of the glittering gold.
Did he have a wife, taking part in his life,
A partner, to have and to hold?

What wealth did he find in this creek where he mined,
Did he wallow in fame and renown?
Or was he a bloke who just squandered his poke,
In the dives of the rip roaring town?
Was he of the kind who great riches did find,
Then departed the Yukon to roam?
Or just one of the men finding failure again,
Now at rest in his plot on the Dome?

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VANCOUVER YUKONERS BANQUET

On April 13th and 14th of this year Vancouver Yukoners' Association held its 84th Annual Banquet at the River Rock Resort in Richmond B.C. Since 1928 this organization has been hosting such an event for one sole purpose, and that is to provide an opportunity for Yukoners to gather and share in the "comraderi" of each other's company. This year the event gathered a total of 246.

People came from Alaska, California, Washington, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and as far away as Newfoundland, but most impressive of all we had 90 people join us from the Yukon.

We are truly grateful to Joe Sparling and Deb Ryan of Air North, who organized a special flight for the event, and to Gudrun Sparling who tirelessly encourages local Yukoners to attend. Special guests who attended were the Honorable Doug Phillips, Commissioner of Yukon and his wife

Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Yukon, Richard and Rosalie Mazur, Rendezvous Queen, Fabi Naves and of course our timeless senior Alex Van Bibber who turned 96 years young this year.

As President of Vancouver Yukoners' Association I truly thank you on behalf of the members of our association for your support. We are such a unique association and one of the many highlights that endorses our uniqueness was the impromptu gathering of 10 Yukon bush pilots who posed for a picture with the man that taught many of them how to fly, Lloyd Romfo who is 93 years young.

I would be remiss, if I did not offer a very special "Thank You" to a multi-talented young lady, Heather Jones who volunteered her time to take the many wonderful pictures of the event and who, by the way, is also a Bush Pilot.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to invite each of you to next year's event at the River Rock Resort on April 12th and 13th. As a wise old philosopher said, "...we are greater than the sum of our parts."

Sincerely,
Jim Perry, President
Vancouver Yukoners' Association
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VANCOUVER YUKONERS BANQUET PHOTOS

Here is a link to the on-line gallery I have created for the photos taken on April 14.

And the only thing I ask is that images are credited to myself, should they be downloaded/printed/or otherwise copied and used.

Link to banquet photos <http://gallery.me.com/hpj50>

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Incredible Northern Lights photos from Norma Waddington, taken recently in Carcross, Yukon.

YUKON NUGGET

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

Richard Finnie

When I first met him in the late 1960s, he liked to be called Klondike Dick. Richard Finnie had a soft spot for Dawson City where he was born in 1906. His father O.C.S. Finnie was a mining recorder at the time. His maternal grandfather Richard Roediger was founder of the Dawson Daily News in 1899.

But Klondike Dick didn't spend that much time in the Klondike. The family moved to Ottawa in 1909 when his father became inspecting engineer for the Department of the Interior and later served as director of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon until his retirement in 1931.

From there Richard began his beat, which was the entire North. He carried both still and motion picture cameras. He served as an assistant radio operator under Captain Bernier on board the Canadian government ship "Arctic" first in 1925.

Then in 1928 he took the first official motion picture of the Arctic's expedition. It was the first in a long line of professional films by Richard Finnie. One photo shows a comical Richard Finnie, dressed in only a bathing suit diving off the wooden ship into an open lead in the ice-covered waters, probably the first Polar Bear swim.

In 1939 he produced a film in Fort Rae entitled "Dogrib Treaty". Then in 1942 he produced two films which have contributed a great deal to Northern history about the Canol pipeline and the Alaska Highway, both of which gained much acclaim.

His book "Canada Moves North" was described by Stefansson as "the best general book about northern Canada". Finnie retired as official historian and film producer for Bechtel Corporation in 1968 after 25 years covering in word and picture Bechtel's international construction projects. During Finnie's 25 years with the company he produced more than 60 films often being his own cameraman as well as writer, director and narrator. His subjects included the first major Athabasca oilsands development in Northern Alberta.

Klondike Dick Finnie was a fellow of the Arctic Institute of North America and a honorary member of the Yukon Order of Pioneers. Richard Sterling Finnie, a resident of Belvedere, California since 1951, died at his home on February 2, 1987, at the age of 80.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

TERRACOTTA WARRIORS



Terracotta Warrior art project to highlight Yukon's connections to China and Vancouver.

Air North, Yukon's Airline and MacBride Museum of Yukon History are pleased to announce a partnership to sponsor two Terracotta Warrior sculptures through the B.C. Lions Society for Children with Disabilities/Easter Seals public art project.

Through this project, British Columbian artists will create 35 sculptures in the image of the warriors from the Terracotta Army in Xian, China. Each sculpture will be sponsored by a local business or individual and exhibited throughout Vancouver. The exciting partnership between *Air North, Yukon's Airline* and *MacBride Museum of Yukon History* will bring one of these artworks to the Vancouver International Airport and one to Whitehorse, Yukon's capital.

One Terracotta Warrior sculpture was unveiled on April 24th at 4:30pm and displayed at YVR in front of Air North's check-in counter. *Air North* employs over 80 people throughout British Columbia's Lower Mainland and more than 200 in the Yukon. "Sponsoring this project is a great opportunity for the *Air North* family to support an important local charity that will connect history and culture to help strengthen the services offered to Yukon families," says President Joe Sparling. "It is also a way to highlight our North - South connection to Vancouver, a gateway to Whitehorse – it's only a two hour and 15 minute flight between the two cities."

The second sculpture will be on display at the MacBride Museum of Yukon History on May 17th in Whitehorse in conjunction with a collection of Chinese coins that were recently unearthed in the Yukon. It's believed these coins were either brought to North America by Russians and carried inland by First Nation traders, or left behind by Chinese miners in the late 1800s and early 1900s. "We can't say for sure how the coins came into the Yukon but they are symbolic of long distance trading ties and the lure of Yukon gold," says archaeologist James Mooney of Ecofor Consulting Ltd. Mooney was leading the team that unearthed the coin most recently uncovered in the western Yukon.

"By sponsoring the Terracotta Warrior project we are celebrating Yukon's strong historical ties to China and to Asia through trade and transportation," says MacBride Museum Executive Director Patricia Cunning. "While we celebrate those historical connections, we also look forward to a future of strengthening those ties through business, culture and the arts."

Air North, Yukon's Airline has supported Easter Seals for many years and is proud to help in the work that they do, which touches a lot of families in the Yukon and British Columbia. "I'm thrilled that Air North and MacBride Museum are supporting the Terracotta Warrior Project which ultimately supports families and children with disabilities in the Yukon. Their connection to the project through the discovery of the Chinese coins that were found near Whitehorse demonstrates how close our communities between Vancouver and the Yukon are," says Stephen Miller, President and CEO British Columbia Lions Society for Children with Disabilities and Easter Seals BC/Yukon.

"Yukon ambassadors including Gillian Campbell, Edward Thompson, Lindsay Agar from the City of Whitehorse and over 20 Yukoners attended the spectacular unveiling in Vancouver's Chinatown", said Debra Ryan of Air North. "Now everyone up North is excited about the arrival and unveiling of the 33rd warrior at MacBride Museum on May 17.

One Terracotta Warrior will be displayed at Air North/YVR from April to September 2012. The other will be displayed at MacBride Museum from May until September 2012.

Background on the Terracotta Army in Xian, China

It is believed that the Terracotta Army was created in 220 BC by the Qin Emperor, who was also responsible for constructing the Great Wall of China. The Emperor commissioned thousands of artists to create an army of life-sized sculptures in the shape of birds, acrobats, musicians, horses, chariots and warriors that were positioned around his tomb to both amuse and protect him in the afterlife. The army was uncovered by accident in 1974, and the site was opened to the public as a museum the following year. www.terracottawarriors.ca



Yukon Ambassadors Gillian Campbell & Edward Thompson with Liu Fei, Consul-General of the People's Republic of China at Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden's standing beside "The Rising Phoenix" terracotta warrior, which in Chinese symbolism stands for prosperity, longevity, abundance and new beginnings.

Photo courtesy Deb Ryan – Air North (In Whitehorse)

Representatives from *Air North*, *Yukon's Airline* and *MacBride Museum of Yukon History* along with special guests participated in the North meets South unveiling ceremony of one of the Terracotta Warriors at YVR International Airport in front of *Air North, Yukon's Airline* Check-in on April 24, 2012.



Andrea Schneider, MacBride Museum of Yukon History, Aaron Foggoa - Artist, Lindsay Agar, City of Whitehorse, Yukon Ambassadors Gillian Campbell & Edward Thompson, Debra Ryan, Air North, Yukon's Airline at the unveiling of "The Rising Phoenix" terracotta warrior in support of BC Lions for Children with Disabilities and Easter Seals BC/Yukon
Photo courtesy Deb Ryan – Air North (In Whitehorse)

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Wikipedia report about Terracotta Warriors http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terracotta_Army

News clips can be seen here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta0cDsRhprg>



Lindsey Agar, Gillian Campbell and Edward Thompson at Air North counter Vancouver Airport
April 24th 2012

Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)

TERRITORY LOSES PROMINENT CITIZEN – Flo Whyard is seen dressed in the attire of Martha Black, a woman she held great admiration for. Below: as editor of the Star, Whyard confers with then-Yukon MP Erik Nielsen, who passed away in September 2008. Rolf Hougen, right. Photos courtesy WHYARD FAMILY COLLECTION

Flo Whyard, a writer and journalist, editor, former territorial council member and mayor of Whitehorse, passed away Sunday evening [April 22, 2012] at the age of 95.

Whyard was a dominant figure in the community since her arrival in the Yukon more than 60 years ago.

“She was a powerful individual,” said John Firth, a longtime friend and local author.

“She didn’t let a lot stand in her way, and she was passionate. Passionate about writing, passionate about history, passionate about Whitehorse and the Yukon.”

A life which would have a resounding impact on the Yukon began across the country, in London, Ont.

Whyard was born in 1917, the daughter of a newspaper reporter for the London Free Press.



In a 2004 letter Whyard wrote to the Western Alumni Gazette, she said her first memory was the sound of an “old typewriter banging away on the other side of a wall” beside her crib.

As a child, Whyard was an avid reader, frequenting the London library, and learning a “newsman’s perspective on the world” through the work of Rudyard Kipling and O. Henry.

She fell in love with journalism while working as a student reporter for the Western Gazette.

She would remain a journalist for most of the rest of her life.

She spent the next years working two jobs, as a newspaper page-proofer and an office manager at Canada Bread, while continuing to contribute social pieces for the Women's Page of the Sentinel-Review.

Then she went to war.

During the Second World War, Whyard enlisted in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service.

Even with the Navy, she found an opportunity to write, editing the WRCNS magazine and penning a freelance feature for Canadian Geographic Magazine about the Canadian Wrens serving in Canada, New York and Washington.

She also worked as a commissioned officer at the Naval Information Office in Ottawa.

Her life in the North began when she met her husband, James Whyard.

At the time, James was a graduate engineer and surveyor, who had already worked in Northern Canada.

In 1944, they married and one year later, he was transferred to Yellowknife, moving his young family North, where they would remain for the rest of their 53-year marriage.

Whyard delivered her first child at the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Corp. medical facility, with the birth certificate issued by the local RCMP and a Bill of Landing certificate for ore tonnage, which recorded just 8 1/2 pounds.

Never deterred from following her own career, the new wife and mother began freelancing for several national publications.

While in the Northwest Territories, she wrote for News of the North, the Edmonton Journal, The Canadian Press and CBC/ International shortwave service, among others.

The family relocated to Whitehorse in 1955.

Whyard soon began work as a journalist for the Whitehorse Star, covering social items, women's organizations, church functions and later the courts and territorial council.

She became the Star's editor in 1964, a job she would hold for almost eight years.

She then became the Canadian editor for the Alaska Northwest Publishing company.

After several decades climbing the ranks in Canadian media, Whyard tried her hand in politics.

In 1974, she was elected to the Whitehorse West seat on the Yukon Territorial Council, managing Health, Welfare and Corrections. She served four years in the position.

In December 1981, Whyard was elected mayor of Whitehorse, handling a serious flood in the industrial area, the closing of the territory's largest producing mine, the lead-zinc facility at Faro, and the closings of the Whitehorse Copper mine and the White Pass and Yukon Route railway's service from Skagway to Whitehorse.

Finally, she was appointed Yukon administrator (the commissioner's assistant and representative, where necessary).

The Whyards lived in Riverdale, and were one of the first families in the subdivision.

Her children grew up and moved away and she watched her family grow across Canada.

She spent the rest of her years as an active community volunteer, a founding member of the Yukon Foundation, a local historical researcher, who helped establish the Yukon Transportation Museum and updated and re-published Martha Louise Black's 1938 autobiography *My Seventy Years*, while remaining, as always, a writer.

"She was very active in the community in every way," said friend and local businessman Rolf Hougen,

"From a social standpoint, from a political standpoint, as a writer and a historian. She was so deeply involved. She was a great contributor to the Yukon and to Canada."

Her last contributions to the Star came in the form of a Friday column called "And now, a few words from Flo" in the 1990s and early 2000s. She chose to end the column when she felt her years were catching up with her health-wise.

Her last three years were spent at Copper Ridge Place.

"She was happy at Copper Ridge, said Hougen. "She told me that they were taking good care of her there."

Whyard died with her loved ones nearby.

"She went peacefully among her family," said her grandson, Dan Anton.

"When I say she was with her family, I also mean her Copper Ridge family. We are just so appreciative of the care she received."

Whyard leaves behind two children, six grandchildren and great grandchild.

Her funeral is being planned for Saturday afternoon.



Sunrise over SS Klondike

Photo courtesy Bob Jacobs bjacobs@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Teslin Lake Bridge – 1960

Photo courtesy George Leoppky galoepky@telus.net (In Richmond)

JOHN FIRTH WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

I am currently working as one of the writers on the Whitehorse History book Project and was wondering if anyone out there would be able to assist me with the following.

Photos of:

The skiers and ski jumpers in the ski bowl behind the current Whitehorse General Hospital.

Haeckle Hill and Roundell Hill downhill skiing (or simply a photo showing the rope tow and warming shack).

The exterior and interior of Jim Light Arena.

The exterior and interior of the Whitehorse curling Club building.

The ball park across the street from lot 19 (something that shows the layout of the field, bleachers, dugouts etc.)

May Day sports Day events and the Young Peoples Association building.

Exterior and interior of North Star Athletic Association building.

Share certificates for the Whitehorse Golf and Country Club from 1956.

Any photos of the golf course behind the current hospital built by George Van Vugt and John Parker in the 1960s.

Any photos of sports from the days before the above structures were built.

If you can identify the individuals and the event, include the year that would be appreciated. Source of the photo should also be identified. If there are any individuals in the photos who were influential in their sport, could you please identify them; the more details, the better.

If you have any personal stories related to these facilities, sports or events, please don't hesitate to send them.

In order to make use of the photos, they would need to be sent directly to myself at:

johnfirth@hotmail.ca along with permission to use in the Whitehorse History Book Project.

Thank you,

John Firth (In Whitehorse)



Sunset – Fox Lake

Photo courtesy Bob Jacobs bjacobs*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

COMMENTS

Well we have arrived home too. But really miss the Arizona weather.

We have had some snow since we got home.

But the sun is out now and temperatures are up in the late teens.

Thanks a great deal of the stories in the Moc Tel plus all the great pictures, makes us feel homesick. But we have been gone from Whitehorse since 1980.

Thanks again to all the people who put in the pictures.

Ron and Irene Taylor ireneelizabethtaylor@hotmail.co (In Whitehorse 1960-80) Bowden AB



My aunt, Barbara Wilson, reminisces with Flo Whyard during a visit to Whitehorse in August of 2004. Photo courtesy Kathy Jones-Gates

History Hunter

Death of an icon brings an end to an era

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Michael Gates ©

She was irascible; she was a raconteur, crusty and dynamic. She was blunt and outspoken. Whenever you talked to her, you realized that you were in the presence of a force that couldn't be denied. When she took on a history project, she became its scribe, its advocate and its champion.

She interviewed Yukon legend Martha Black back in the 1950's, and later did the same with Flora Boyle Frisch, daughter of Joe Boyle, "The King of the Klondike." When she selected an historical subject, she engaged it. She was like a general on a campaign and would wage battle until her objective was achieved.

It was the end of an era when Yukon icon Florence Esther Whyard, known to all as Flo, passed away on April 22nd. Now, instead of reminding us of our history, she has become part of it, and her contribution has been huge.

Just a few years ago, Flo was adjusting to using a computer. My wife Kathy dropped in one day to find her incensed by her new machine. The Word program that she was using had the temerity to correct the grammar and spelling of somebody who had decades of experience writing and editing!

Flo was a member of the Yukon Legislative Assembly – and then the Executive Council (the equivalent of today's cabinet minister). Later, she ran for and was elected mayor of Whitehorse, which she led through rocky economic times.

Her Awards and honours are impressive, including an honorary PhD by her alma mater, the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario. She was made a member of the Order of Canada in 1984.

Flo was also recognized for her contributions to the history of the territory. In 1998, she was honoured with a lifetime achievement award from the Yukon Historical and Museums Association.

Flo was one of the founding members of the Yukon Foundation, and helped establish the Yukon Transportation Museum by purchasing the building it now occupies for a dollar.

She will be remembered for the many books that she authored or edited. There was a biography of northern bush pilot, Ernie Boffa, and "A Kiwi in the Klondike," a narrative by Mary Davis Moody as told to Flo, a pamphlet on the History of Christ Church Parish, and another about her navy dog, "Ping." She also co-authored a book with Al Wright (author of Prelude to Bonanza) about the Yukon Electrical Company.

Flo established her own business, Beringian Books, which issued, among other things, a series of heritage colouring books about the gold rush, Martha Black, and Joe Boyle. Upon examining my own copy on the gold rush, I note that my daughter had coloured in the pictures many years ago! Another volume published under the Beringian Books banner was "All My Rivers Flowed West," by Bill MacBride.

But the work that Flo is most recognized for today is "My Ninety Years," an updated version of Martha Black's autobiography, "My Seventy Years," and then later re-issued as "Martha Black." If my memory serves me, the royalties go to support the IODE.

Flo was profoundly inspired by Martha Black, whom she interviewed in the 1950's, when Mrs. Black was approaching her ninetieth year, and then she continued to champion Martha's story. She campaigned to have an ice breaker named after Martha, and was on hand to break a bottle of champagne over the bow of the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Martha L. Black in 1986..

Flo appeared at many public functions wearing a replica 1898 costume similar to one worn by Martha Black. Dressed in historic garb, she also appeared in several documentaries about Mrs. Black.

I had heard of Flo long before I ever met her. My aunt and uncle, Barbara and Ted Wilson, lived in Whitehorse in the 1950s and 1960s, and talked about her whenever they visited Calgary. Uncle Ted served as her sports editor at the Whitehorse Star for a period of time.

I had several encounters with her through my work as Curator of Collections with Parks Canada's operation in Dawson City. In 1984, she brought an entourage to Dawson that included Joe Boyle's daughter, the elderly Flora Boyle Frisch, and we spent a fascinating day with Flora, visiting Bear Creek, traveling through the goldfields outside of Dawson, and talking about her famous father.

On another occasion, my wife Kathy and I were invited to her house for dinner during one of our occasional visits to Whitehorse. There, she showed me a lovely old music cabinet with delicate inlays. It came from the Commissioner's Residence in Dawson City, and when Parks Canada restored the building during the 1990s, she returned it to its historic place in the large drawing room on the main floor.

Flo was on hand when the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque honouring Martha Black was unveiled next to the Commissioner's Residence, and she returned, dressed in period costume, for the official opening of the building by Prime Minister Jean Chretien in August of 1996.

Later, when I transferred to work in Whitehorse, Flo hired Kathy to undertake research into another of her favourite historical figures, George Black, long-time lawyer and politician – and Martha's husband. This was one project that she did not live long enough to see finished. Approaching her ninetieth year, she handed the project off to Kathy to complete. Her enthusiasm for the project was infectious, and it would have been hard to say no!

With her passing and the loss of other champions of Yukon history, including John Gould and Les McLaughlin, Roy Minter, Angela Sidney and Annie Ned, we have witnessed the passing of an era represented by Yukoners both passionate and dedicated to their history. Those are going to be big boots to fill. Anybody want the job?

Michael Gates is a Yukon historian and sometimes adventurer based in Whitehorse. His new book, *Dalton's Gold Rush Trail*, will be available in May. You can contact him at mmsgates@northwestel.net

Dragon's Den Seeks Dawson Talent

By Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

March 23, 2012

The Dragon's Den website describes Molly Duignan as the Den's "border guard" for her "uncanny ability to boss people around and tell The Dragons what to do."

In an interview during her high school reunion at Shawnigan Lake School a few years ago, she described her job as "putting the 'real' in reality TV."

Duignan was hanging out at Bombay Peggy's on March 15, interviewing possible prospects for the show.

“We try to extend our reach every year to different cities,” said Duignan, who is a producer with the show. “I’ve always wanted to come here, and if we were already in Whitehorse, why not come to Dawson too?”

“We switch it up every year at some new cities. We go to about 40 places. We try to go where our audience is, and we’ve had a couple of successful applicants from the Yukon in the past.

“Elvis Presley pitched last year and Samson and Lewis Hartland of Yukon Smoked Salmon were on, so why not see what else is up here?”

At the mid-point of the afternoon she had seen three potential contestants, promoting a medical aid, some artwork and a piece of winter outdoor recreational equipment.

Duignan has been with this show for six years now, and has also been involved with such programs as Test the Nation and Canada’s Next Great Prime Minister. She began her CBC career in Yellowknife as a reporter for two months and has visited there are part of the Dragon’s Den audition tours, which often take her to 24 locations over the six week search for possibilities.

“It’s fun to go new places for me, and we try, as a truly Canadian show, to at least be available for people to see.”

Any successful applicants from the half dozen in Dawson will know quite soon.

“We film from April 12 to May 14, so they’ll know. They’ll be invited to Toronto to pitch to the Dragons.”

The show doesn’t pay the cost of the trip, but it does help.

“People don’t seem to mind that expense. They get tremendous exposure and it would cost \$300,000 to make an infomercial, after all.

“We find it inspiring to showcase Canadian innovation, so hopefully we’ll have someone from Dawson.”

Not every good idea will necessarily work on the show, and a big part of Duignan’s job is deciding how an idea can be pitched.

“It might make a great pamphlet, but does it make great TV?”



Molly Duignan has been producing Dragon's Den for the last six years.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Top of the World is Now Almost in Dawson's Hands

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

March 26, 2012

Following a letter of permission from the territorial government, Dawson's council was able to give second and third reading on March 20 to a bylaw giving itself the right to own the Top of the

World Golf Course. The “Bylaw to Authorize the Ownership of Extra-municipal Property” was necessary because the golf course is actually outside the town’s boundaries.

When the bylaw was given first reading back on December 9 it was understood that it could not be completed until YTG provided a document with terms and conditions that would form an appendix to the legislation.

“We received a letter on Monday from the Minister of Community Services basically saying that we own the golf course,” Mayor Peter Jenkins said at the council meeting. The appendix is no longer necessary.

The bylaw, in itself, defines the use of the property as being restricted to “to that of a golf course authorized by the Yukon Government” and specifies that it “will be open to the public on terms and conditions established in an Operating Agreement with a third party and adopted by Council resolution from time to time.”

Councillor Bill Kendrick initiated a discussion as to whether the terms of use in the bylaw were not too restrictive. What if, he asked, the golf course did not require the entire parcel of land? Perhaps some other use, such as a community-farming plot, might be allowed there?

Other councillors expressed some sympathy with this point of view, but were cautioned by Jenkins and City Manager Jeff Renaud, that the land in question did lie outside the town’s jurisdiction except for the specific purposes outlined in the bequest.

Council has stated repeatedly that it has no intention of running the golf course itself, or of having it run by the recreation department. Just what third party will step in to run the facility is not yet known, but there is a Dawson Golf Association, and it seems likely that this organization will be involved to some degree.

Concern over the fate of the golf course heated up in February when it appeared that nothing had happened since December.

Subsequent to those complaints being aired at a chamber of commerce meeting, MLA Sandy Silver reports that the Minister of Community Services, Elaine Taylor, and her department “have done a really good job at expediting this process.

“As it stands now, now that the bylaw is finished, it’s a matter of getting to the title to the property back to Greg Hakonson, and then, for a dollar, his lawyers and the däna Näye Ventures lawyers have an agreement that will ‘launder off the encumbrance’ with a discharge.”

The “encumbrance” in question is the remaining \$450,000 that was still owed to the territorial government at the time that golf course owner Bill Hakonson died. The government had handed the debt, one of the few remaining from some outstanding government development loans dating back decades, to däna Näye Ventures for collection.

In the end it was decided to accept the \$55,000 in personal assurance that had been offered earlier by Hakonson senior, and write off the remainder.

Mayor Jenkins originally announced that Hakonson wished to give the facility to the town at a chamber of commerce meeting on July 13, 2011. It has taken until now to make that a reality.



The entrance and clubhouse for the Top of the World Golf Club, seen last July.

Dawson is One of 13 Finalist Communities in CBC’s “Live Right Now” Contest

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

March 29, 2012

Dawsonites learned rather late in the week that their town had been chosen as one of the thirteen finalists in CBC’s “Live Right Now” capital of Canada search. Most would have learned of it only on Tuesday and Wednesday when posters went up at the Post Office and the recreation department made a formal presentation to council on March 28.

At a community lunch and launch event held at the Art and Margaret Fry Recreation Centre at noon on March 29, Rec. Director Lana Welchman explained that the town had applied to the contest earlier in the year, but had just learned last week that it was one of the finalists.

Other communities across Canada included: Corner Brook, N.L.; Pictou, N.S.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Edmundston, N.B.; Montreal, Que.; Cambridge, Ont.; Dauphin, Man.; Saskatoon, Sask.; Edmonton, Alta.; Kamloops, B.C.; Iqaluit, Nunavut; and Yellowknife, N.W.T.



Grade 1 Live Right Now 2.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

According to the CBC website, “In six months thousands of Canadians and dozens of communities came together to take more than 92,000 challenges, share their success stories and support each other to Live Right Now.”



Robert Service School Live Right Now
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Live Right Now is built around the idea that that people can have a big impact by making small changes to the way they move and how they eat. Communities were asked to demonstrate the ways in which they were active.

The ultimate winner of the contest will receive a \$100,000 natural playground courtesy of the Canadian Wildlife Federation, Parks Canada and Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds.

The thirteen finalists are all expected to hold final events, after which the winner will be crowned and featured on CBC later in April.

Dawson's final entry in the contest was themed Just Another Day in Dawson. It kicked off at 10:45 with an outdoor assembly by the Robert Service School, after which the classes separated to take on a variety of activities: hiking to Moosehide; skiing, snowboarding and coasting at Moose Mountain; skating at the arena; mushing in the YTG Campground across the Yukon River; and other activities on the school's playground.

For the community at large there was a lunch and launch event held in the rec centre at noon. The goal of Just Another Day in Dawson, said Rec. Board President Peter Menzies, was to highlight how active the town already is, with some 40 or more volunteer organizations in the community, many of them connected to recreational activities.



Dawson Live Right Now
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Grade 1 Live Right Now
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“We will also be telling the unique story of living active in Dawson as well as featuring volunteers who make recreation possible,” Welchman said.

Guest speakers at the lunchtime launch included Mayor Jenkins and volunteer spokespersons for soccer, figure skating, snowmobiling, women’s hockey and bush living.

Shelly Brown, who lives in West Dawson and skijors to work, a trip of about 20 minutes, each day in the winter, shared several amusing anecdotes about her daily commute.

(We didn't win. The winning town was Edmunston, NB. You've all probably noticed that we were absolutely the smallest town on the finalist list.)

Yukon College Graduates Dawson’s HACES class

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

April 2, 2012

The graduation feast for the current class of the Heritage and Culture Essential Skills program was held in the Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in Community Hall on March 21.

Program Coordinator Jodi Beaumont explained that the program, offered by Yukon College and sponsored in Dawson by the college, the TH Heritage Dept. and the Klondike Regional Training Trust Fund, has been run in several other communities, including Ross River, Pelly Crossing and Mayo, over the last several years.

This is its first offering in Dawson.

“It’s a program that started back in 2000 when all the First Nations got together and said that we really needed training so that people in our communities could start working in the heritage field.”

The program is designed for entry-level students, who study a basic nine-course curriculum over a period of several months. In Dawson the program ran for six months and included:

- Introduction to Heritage Management
- Work Place and Essential Skills
- Research Skills
- Caring for Resources (Archives and Collections Management)
- Traditional Knowledge Management
- Language Management
- Heritage Documentation Using Digital Photography
- Heritage Documentation Using Film
- Heritage Communications

The Dawson program was able to add a publication design component.

“All of the Dawson students made a considerable commitment to be part of the program,” Beaumont said, “and now we’re hoping that we have Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in citizens, as well as some

other local people, living in town, who have the skills to join the heritage team at TH, as well as heritage workers at Parks Canada, the Yukon government, the museum and other job opportunities in Dawson.”

Beaumont herself, who is the Traditional Knowledge Specialists with TH Heritage, was one of the instructors.

Another was Lue Maxwell, the coordinator of the Dawson campus of Yukon College, now in its first year in its new quarters.

“We really appreciate you using the college,” said Maxwell, “and creating a legacy with what you’ve done. These are things that you’ll be looking at and your families will be looking at, in the years to come.

“It’s taken years to get this thing off the ground, but this was the right time and you guys were the right people. Well done.”

Other instructors including graphic designer and photographer Michael Edwards and film maker Lulu Keating, who were unable to be present for the event as they had other commitments out of town.

“I want to thank all the graduates for sticking it out and getting yourselves through this program,” said Jackie Olson, TH Heritage Director. “I know 24 weeks is a long haul and some of the topics, I’m sure, were quite challenging, but I think you guys did an amazing job of it. I really look forward to, in the future, working with you in our heritage department.

“We continue to grow and we will be looking for you people to join us, hopefully sooner than later.”

In addition to projects already under way, Olsen mentioned that the Tr’ochëk heritage site is on track for development. This confirmed in last November 30 by the announcement of \$202,200 for this project by Leona Aglukkaq, the Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) and Minister of Health.

The graduates in the complete program were Christine Blanchard, Paul Blanchard, Leanne Mason, Billy Lavigne, Tish Lindgren, Darwyn Lynn, Carol McBride, Erika Scheffen, Kylie VanEvery, and Bo Yeung. Four other people had taken portions of the program, as time and personal considerations allowed.

The formal part of the ceremony concluded with a showing of the short films that the graduates had collaborated on during the course.

The social part of the evening continued with live music and lots of visiting.



The graduation cake had to be hidden in the kitchen to keep the youngsters away from it.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Heritage and Culture Essential Skills graduates Paul Blanchard, Christine Blanchard, Leanne Mason, Billy Lavigne, Carol McBride, Tish Lindgren, Erika Scheffen, Darwyn Lynn, Kylie VanEvery, and Bo Yeung

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Janke Takes His Third MITY film Award

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

It wasn't any great surprise when Daniel Janke's documentary film "River" won the Made In the Yukon (MITY) professional award at the end of the 13th edition of the Dawson City International Short Film Festival. The film about life on the Yukon River during the steamboat era was well made and quite moving.

What was surprising was Janke's announcement when he came to the microphone to accept the award from Dawson City Arts Society president Peter Menzies.

"I made a decision," Janke said. "I feel like I'm living in privileged times and I'm a very privileged person. I've won this (award) twice; this is the third time. So I decided to give the cash prize to an emerging film maker."

At the time he didn't know which of the MITY emerging artists that might be. Festival producer Dan Sokolowski says there will be some consultation on that subject before a decision is made. First prize in the professional MITY category includes \$1000 cash, a \$1000 equipment rental from the Northern Film and Video Industry Association (NFVIA) and a guaranteed screening at the 2013 Tromso International Film Festival in Norway.

The second prize in the MITY Pro category went to Veronica Verkley and her hilarious film, "The Working Cats Guide to the Klondike". Verkley created a mock documentary using live action, faux interviews and photo-shopped archival photos to reveal the secret history of when cats were used for mushing sleds and what the real "cat trains" were all about.

Second place, offers \$500 cash and \$500 worth of video equipment rental from the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture (KIAC).

Verkley's film brought down the house during the Friday evening showing and it was no surprise at all when it also took the \$500 Audience Choice Award on Sunday night.

Honourable Mention in the MITY pro category went to "Fragments" by Neil MacDonald and David Hamelin. In this eight-minute horror story, a meteorite fragment causes a curious young girl to become ill and transforms her into a zombie.

There is also a MITY Emerging Artist category, First Prize, including \$300 in cash and \$500 worth of KIAC video equipment rental, went to "The Provider" by Moira Sauer. This was a six-minute entry about one woman's solution to meeting her need for companionship in the midst of a

wilderness winter with no company but her sled dogs. Sauer commented that this 48-hour film contest product featured the only time her dogs had ever been indoors.



Moirra Sauer mugs with her MITY Emerging Artist Award.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Second prize, which is \$200 in cash and \$400 worth of equipment rental, went to “How to make a Marshmallow and Peanut Butter Sandwich” by Kathryn (Kit) Hepburn.

Jay Armitage took honourable mention for his short film “Coming this Fall”.

In the MITY Youth category the \$100 cash prize went to a group of Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in youth who animated “The Story of Crow” with the assistance of adults Kerry Barber and Chris Clarke. The kids involved were Liberty Anderson, Arianna Rachel, Tay-Lynn Mierau-Charlie and Jaden Anderson.

The Lodestar Award went to “Throat Song” by Miranda de Pencier from Nunavut. In this film, a young Inuit woman seeks to reclaim her voice, which she has lost while living in a toxic relationship in a town that has had its cultural heritage amputated. The horrors she witnesses as a caseworker in the territorial justice department are amplified by the abuse she suffers at the hands of her own partner.

This award features \$500 in cash and a Sterling Silver DCISFF pin.

Each year artists compete to create the television public service announcement that will be used by CBC North for this event. Each screening over the weekend begins with one of the entries, but this year's winner for broadcast was created by Moira Sauer.

The weekend also has a number of features besides the screening of over 100 short films. Sokolowski wears a variety of different baseball caps from his collection during the weekend and there is a prize for the person who can list them all in the order they were worn. Meshell Melvin won for the third year in a row, causing Sokolowski to suggest she might be stalking him. There was the opportunity to make a one-minute film during the weekend, planning and shooting a film "in camera" (no editing allowed) with one of the iPads available for use from KIAC. The results of this challenge will be shown at Gerties on April 14.

Students from the Yukon School of Visual Arts kept the latter part of Sunday evening (while the Audience Choice award was being tabulated) interesting by setting up several tables with a line-up of MacBooks displaying film loops they had created with "found footage".

During the weekend there were master classes in filmmaking offered by Peter Lynch and Guy Édoin, as well as a Street Feast BBQ and Karaoke provided by chef Georgia Hammond and festival guest Curtis Grahauer.

And that ended the awards presentation, at which point it was well past 11:15. A number of people took their cue from the DJ Whitebread's decision to begin the closing dance party an old Michael Jackson tune and "beat it".



KIAC Exec Dir. Karen Dubois (left) and DCISFF Producer Dan Sokolowski (right) present Veronica Verkley with her Audience Choice Award.

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Meshell Melvin receives her prize for scoring a hat trick on the hat contest.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Peter Menzies and MITY Pro winner Daniel Janke.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Larry Chalmers wins gold and silver

I was in an Indoor track meet in Kamloops last month [February] and won some medals. I went in the 4x200 relay for the first time, after a lot of urging from a coach from the coast.

My Daughter was in the stands and took this picture of me handing off the baton to the second runner. Note the time on the clock and how far I am over the finish line. I thought I would be lucky to do it under a minute as I am usually "wiped" after the 100 M.

I received a Silver medal for the 60M (11.7) and got Gold in the Long and Triple Jumps. Jumps weren't that good but didn't have much competition. Not too many 80-84 year olds doing that kind of stuff !!

Larry Chalmers aksala49@telus.net (In Oliver BC)



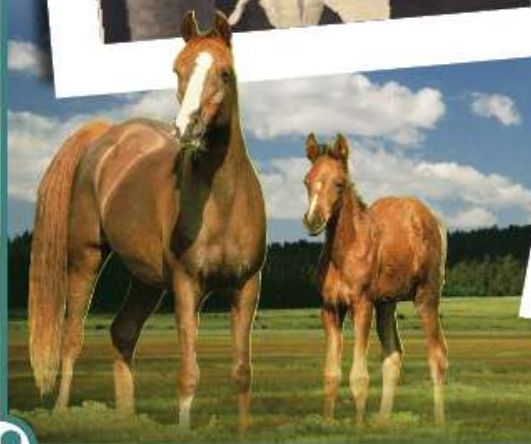
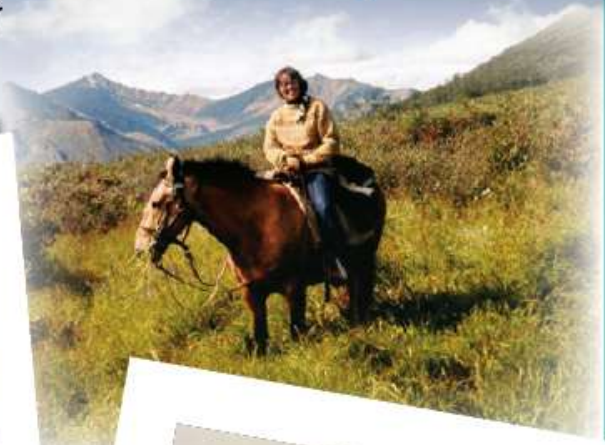
4 x 200 relay – Larry Chalmers passing off the baton.
Photo courtesy Larry Chalmers aksala49@telus.net (In Oliver BC)

A celebration of
Sharon's life
will take place on
Saturday, June 2nd, 2012
at 2:00 PM

Sharon's Riding Arena on the Mayo Road,
5 kms north, past the Hotsprings Road.
(Watch for the signs near Northfork Taxidermy.)

Please join us for a
Potluck Barbeque afterwards.

Celebration of Life



Sharon Anne Jensen

AUGUST 26, 1942 – NOVEMBER 30, 2011



Sharon was born in Toronto where her parents, Alice and Larry Patnode, were involved in the war effort, moving back to the family farm near Dawson Creek, B.C. and soon after moving north in the early '50s to Whitehorse, where Larry worked for the army.

Sharon went to school at Whitehorse Elementary and F.H. Collins Secondary. After highschool she married Bernard Potter, worked in the banking industry, and managed Riverside Grocery and rally racing. A popular flight attendant with Great Northern Airlines, she enjoyed many adventures while flying in DC3s across the north, obtaining her pilot's licence in the '60s.

A second marriage and long partnership with Peter E.S. Jensen brought an expanded family and new joys and challenges: operating Jensen Outfitting, the longest self-owned outfitting business in North America, along the Dempster in the Tombstones. Wrangling, guiding, cooking, and lots of driving kept her busy, and during the short Yukon summers, farming in the Braeburn and Carmacks areas, and June barn dances.



Sharon will be missed by all who knew her. She worked hard all her life and loved doing what she did. A true northern lady, Sharon could climb mountains all day in bare feet – camped in the mountains with her hair frozen to the ground – and was perfectly at ease with anyone she met. Although a very independent and private person, she enjoyed many lifelong as well as new friends, from all walks of life, and was successful in all she pursued.

A lifelong love of horses inspired her to build the indoor Whitehorse Riding Arena on the Mayo Road to allow other horse-loving people to pursue their passion all year round in Yukon.

Grateful thanks to the excellent hospital staff, both at the Vancouver cancer clinic and Whitehorse General, and her many friends who gave her loving kindness.

Predeceased by husband Pete, mother Alice and her father Larry and brother Bruce, Sharon is survived by son Kirk Potter (Anne Williams) of Whitehorse, and grandsons Logan and Mac; son Peter Jensen (Grethe Holm) of Whitehorse, and grandsons Peter Joe, Trygg and granddaughter Line; and daughter Jackie Read of California.

Please send photos/memories to energym@northwestel.net





Snow Goose at Carcross April 17, 2012
Photo courtesy Heather Jones (In Carcross)

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Ruth Geraldine MacCallum
April 15th, 2012

Ruth Geraldine MacCallum of Fruitvale, B.C. passed away at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, Trail, B.C., surrounded by loving friends.

Ruth was the youngest of two children of Gerald (deceased) and Thena MacCallum, nee Jacobsen. She is survived by her Mother, Thena; her brother, Lawrence (Margaret) and their two children, Deborah (Douglas) and Darcy (Victoria) and their families.

As a career military family the MacCallums were posted throughout Europe and Canada. Although Ruth's formative years were spent living among old world cultures she found her heart had its niche in the rugged landscape and people of the Yukon. These memories were special to her.

Ruth earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of British Columbia and her Registered Nursing Certificate in 1968. She went on to further her education with a Master of Science Degree from Arizona State University in 1976. She belonged to the B.C. Association of Clinical Counsellors and numerous other associations and affiliations connected to her employment.

Ruth was employed in the field of Mental Health practising in Maple Ridge, Nelson, Trail and Castlegar, B.C. She had just recently retired from the Castlegar Office. She briefly maintained a small business, Best Options, dealing with Employee Assistance.

As a child Ruth was imbued with the cultures of Europe which came together to form a woman of understated refinement, grace, class and dignity seldom seen in someone so young. This was evident to the end.

We would like to thank Drs. T. Toews, M. Smith and L. Scotland and their team/staff for their excellent care; the nurses and staff of Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital for allowing her dignity; Home Nursing Services; Red Cross Loan Cupboard; and, her extended circle of friends and family. There are no words to express the gratitude to her special group of friends who folded her into their arms and filled these last months with love, caring, warmth, friendship and quality of life. Thank you. We will all miss that smile as there was no truer friend.

Ruth will rest next to her Father in the Garden of Gethsemani, Surrey, B.C. Inurnment will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make donations to TB Vets, 1410 Kootenay Street, Vancouver, B.C., V5K 4R1 www.tbvets.org or the charity of your choice.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Friday, May 25, 2012 at 11:00 am at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 1374 Pine Avenue, Trail, B.C. with Canon Neil Elliot, Celebrant. Gwen Ziprick of Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services™ has been entrusted with arrangements.

Margaret "Peggy" McCormack was laid to rest in the Mountain View Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Calgary on Monday morning April 23, 2012. Her large extended family and many friends were in attendance. A Scottish piper played Amazing Grace as people gathered in the Chapel. During the service her daughter-in-law, Judy McCormack sang "In the Garden".

Peggy was born in Galston, Scotland in 1915. At the age of five her family moved to Huxley, Alberta where her father was employed as a CPR station-master. She was one of six children. When it was time for her to attend high-school, she moved to Calgary and stayed with the Strachan family. She studied and worked part-time at a lunch-counter across from the school, where she met James Lee McCormack who was to become her husband. He had been to the Yukon working in the mining industry. He and Peggy were married in 1940 and he returned to the Yukon to work. When Peggy joined him later in the year, they moved into a sod-roofed house in the middle of the Yukon gold-fields, 40 miles up Hunker Creek. Trips to town were made by dog-team.

Peggy gave birth to three children in Hunker before they moved to a house at 7th and Princess in Dawson City so the eldest child could go to school. By this time Jim was employed as an operator of Dredge No. 4. Four more children were born to Peggy and Jim in Dawson. In 1950 a son was delivered in make-shift quarters just after the hospital burned down during the coldest January on record. During this time Jim was an active Mason, was very much involved on the City Council and at one time ran for Mayor.

Jim died accidentally in January of 1955 leaving Peggy with seven children aged eighteen-months to fourteen years old. It was August before the family was able to move to Calgary to live near Peggy's parents. Her mother died soon afterward. Peggy was soon working two jobs to support her family. At first she worked at grocery stores near home or the children's school, which worked well for children and mother. After her oldest daughter, Betty-Jean, began working for the telephone company, AGT, Peggy also started there in 1960. She worked there for 20 years, until her retirement at age 65. As she had done in the Yukon, Peggy grew a large vegetable garden every year until she was 94, when she moved into an assisted-living home.

In spite of all their struggles, all of her children grew up to be very strong, competent, and caring people. Peggy was able to enjoy her senior years, taking delight in her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was eventually able to do a bit of travelling to the States and enjoyed casinos where ever she went. She returned to the Yukon with the Anderson family in 1970, and again in 1983 with her youngest daughter, Carolyn, her sister, Agnes and her husband George Shaw, who had been a gold-smith and jeweller in Dawson City for many years. At that time they placed a head stone on James Lee McCormack's grave in the Old Cemetery in the Mason's area.

Peggy passed away in Calgary on April 13, 2012 after several years of congestive heart failure. She left four daughters: Betty-Jean (Red Deer, Alta.), Vera-Marie (Tumble Ridge, B.C.), Marilyn (Welland, Ontario), and Carolyn (Calgary, Alta.). Two sons survive: Bob (Calgary) and Ken (High River, Alta.). She was pre-deceased by five grand-children and her eldest son, Jimmy in Nelson, B.C. in 2009. She is survived by six of her children, thirteen beautiful grandchildren, fifteen wonderful great grandchildren and one marvellous great great grandson.

MACMILLAN, Alan Urquhart Born August 1, 1921 in Bear Creek, Yukon Territory, Alan passed away peacefully on May 1, 2012 in Nanaimo, BC. Alan is pre-deceased by his brother Pat and sister Mary. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Phyllis MacMillan; daughter Anne Callander (Don); niece Cathy White (Gary); his grand-daughter, Sara Alvarez (Randy) and his great-grandchildren, Luke, Logan and Lily; his sister, Kay Gee (Eric) and their children, Robert, Michael and Margaret. No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vivian Stuart, Treasurer, Vancouver Yukoners' Association, 217-3255 Cook Street, Victoria, BC, V8X 1A4. 655427

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I would like to discontinue my subscription to "The Moccasin Telegraph" as I have not had the time to read it for almost two years.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once"
Lillian Dickson.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

NOTE: IN THE LAST MOCTEL THE RECIPE FOR SWEDISH APPLE PIE SHOULD HAVE HAD 1 EGG –which was omitted in error.

Submitted by Lois Trembley granny9t@shaw.ca (In Cedar BC)

I have never tried it myself, but I have tried their "Lox" and it is wonderful....

Lois

Bill's Gravalax

2 x 1 lb salmon fillets, skin on, bones removed

2 tsp fresh ground black pepper

4 tbs sea salt

8 tbs sugar

¼ tsp liquid smoke (optional)

Bunch fresh dill

Mix salt, sugar, pepper and liquid smoke thoroughly and rub onto both sides of fillets. In a large plastic bag layer the salted fillets skin sides to outside with dill as follows – dill/ 1st fillet/ dill/ 2nd fillet/ dill.

Wrap tightly, place in a suitable container (we use a glass bread pan) put a second container with a couple of fill cans on top. Place in fridge for 3 days. Turn the package at least daily.

After 3 days remove from fridge, wash off salt and dill and carve into thin slices. If there is difficulty in slicing then freeze and slice.

For an explanation of Gravalax see this site: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gravlax>

DATES TO REMEMBER

Second (annual) Yukon Party

In Victoria

Hosted by Brannigans Restaurant

Saturday

June 2, 2012

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Food and beverage

(soda, tea or coffee)

\$20 (includes hst and gratuity)

Please call or email to reserve

by

Friday May 31

Sandie Wood sandie@brannigans.ca

Brannigans Restaurant (Cedar Hill Mall)

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21 June 2012

11:30 am-2:00 pm

Croatian Cultural Centre Room C

3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver

Parking plentiful and free

Transit accessible – Handicap accessible

Bring a friend

Lunch \$10

RSVP vanyukoners@gmail.com

604 277-2766 or 604 299-1969

Okanagan Yukoners' Picnic - will be held at the Summerland Ornamental Gardens again

this year on the 24 of June week after Father's Day. Set-up at 11AM potluck at noon.
Hope to see lots of people there this year.
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80th International Sourdough Reunion

September 28 to October 2 2012 at Days Inn Penticton.

ISR Registration Fee is \$75.00 CAD or US \$ per person before Aug. 27th, 2012
Includes: Reunion Credentials – Banquet - President's Reception - Farewell Breakfast
Guest speaker will be the Yukon Commissioner Doug Phillips
(Late Registration fee is \$90.00 after August 27, 2012)

There will be Tours available

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