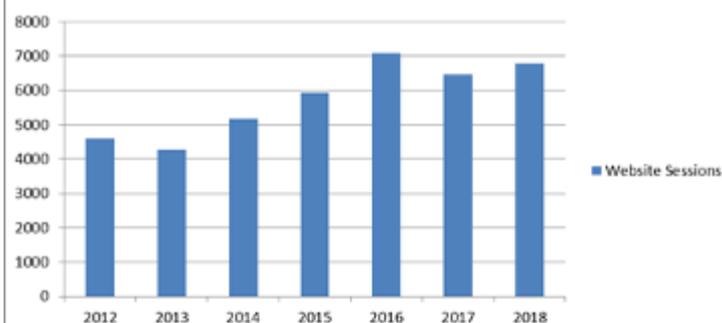
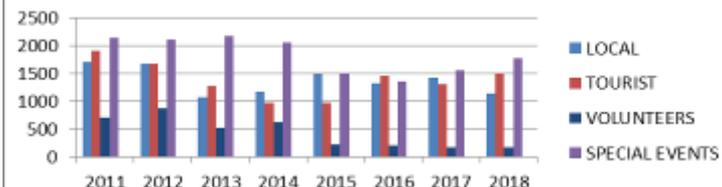


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MUSEUM OPENS FOR THE SEASON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The museum held its 36th Annual General Meeting on May 08th. It was a warm spring evening in Pemberton and the trustees gathered with staff to review the activities over the past year. The museum completed a significant infrastructure improvement project over 2017-2018 that included a new machine shed, fence repairs, an additional access gate and access path through the site. The storage unit was moved beside the Soo Building and the old machine shed was demolished. This was funded by the BC Canada 150 grant. The museum held an Open House in June to showcase all the improvements. President Brenda McLeod, in her annual report, stated that she has observed “a powerful force making great strides toward a clear vision”. She also said, “Integral to the success of the Pemberton museum is the dedication of staff and volunteers. Thank You! Staff and volunteers! The organizing of activities and events and attention to detail in all aspects of the operation make it the flourishing entity it is”. The curator presented the year in review which included information about physical visits to the site visits, online visits (website and social media), programs and events including school groups, and grants, and collection management projects in 2018. Physical visits to the site were stronger than the previous two years but still lower than 2011 which was a five year high.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Cont'd)

Online visits continue to grow and now greatly exceed the physical visits. Events continue to be the number one driver of physical visits to the museum along with local visits. Volunteers visits are showing a downward trend. Online, the museum converted a Mac Millian-Bloedell movie from VHS titled "The Incredible Forest". One of these clips has generated 121,000 lifetime views online—which is truly incredible. The 2nd most popular video is "Pemberton Valley 1957" produced by Alan King with over 4000 views to date. The museum hosted eight programs and events including the Schoolhouse Stomp fundraiser featuring a very good dinner and the Courageous Mountain Rangers bluegrass band. The museum also had a very successful Halloween event for children and families with record attendance. Eight school groups from pre-school to Gr. 5 visited in the spring and fall.

The Tea & Tales program ran for seven weeks and attendance was strong at 286 over the summer. There were some fantastic speakers last season from Pemberton and beyond. The value of baking in 2018 was \$588 and the treats were provided by: Connie Sobchak, Sarah Daws, Katy Dorian, Fran Cuthbert, Anna McNie, Valery Megeny, Judy McNolty, Betty Mercer, Annette Gordon, Louise Macdonald, Carmen Praine, Rolande Midgley, Carol Morphy and Niki Madigan. Thanks to all the bakers for their support of the program!

Three summer students and three After School workers were employed at the museum last summer thanks to funding from the Young Canada Works program and local government. Emma Eslake was the museum supervisor last season, having previously worked at the Oliver Museum and helped on many fronts last season.

In Collection Management, staff tackled a few things. Nathaniel, the Collections Coordinator accessioned over 91 items last season, which included labeling, condition reporting and uploading the records to the website. Kaitlyn Pierre also helped with cleaning and labeling objects last fall. Carol Morphy burrowed into the museum society records over the years and arranged and described the hoard making the records more accessible, and ensuring their preservation for the future. Just for kicks, Carol also took a course over the winter on preserving archival photographs from the Archive Association of B.C.

The museum handled several research and reproduction requests last season which is a core museum service. The biggest research request in recent years came from the SLRD who were researching newspaper clippings associated with the SLRD over the last 50 years. All staff assisted with this over the month of August.

Following the Curator's report the election was held and Donna McKenzie was the returning officer. The results of the election are: Brenda McLeod President, Judy McNolty VP, Monique Midgley Treasurer and Carmen Praine Secretary. Director's Betty Mercer, Rolande Midgley and Fran Cuthbert are in place for the next year. Grace Chadsey the former secretary resigned earlier this year and the board and staff thank Grace for her years of service to the society.

The AGM was followed by some tea, coffee and baked treats provided by Fran and Carmen. The regular meeting followed the AGM and plans were set for another season of activity at the Pemberton Museum.

TREES FALLEN

The museum's local tree guru Ron Blackall returned for another season of tree battles at the site. Two cedar trees were removed in April to make room for the Schoolhouse. Ron coordinated Trevor's Whistler Crane service who assisted with the falling of the cedars. The crane also moved 4000 lbs. of old bridge timbers that were in the way of the construction works pending. These were stacked near the Barney house for the time being. Thanks Ron and Whistler Crane for the tree work!



MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Annual memberships are now due. Individual memberships are \$15, families are \$20. Keep up to date with historical happenings and contribute to the preservation of Pemberton and District history by becoming a member. We can provide charitable receipts for cash and in-kind donations. Consider purchasing a membership for family or friends.

If you receive a membership renewal form with this newsletter, your membership fees are now due.

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IF YOU BULD IT THEY WILL COME

In 1983 the museum started putting out visitors books for our guests to sign. A quick survey of the visitors books from 1983 – 2015 reveals that roughly 19,500 individuals have signed – many indicating that they were part of a pair or group. As you can imagine they come from every corner of Canada and U.S.A., but they also hailed from:

Germany (west and east)	Wales	Hungary
Switzerland	Israel	Finland
Ireland	Slovak Republic	New Zealand
Scotland	Greece	Thailand
Luxembourg	Russia	Korea
England	Norway	Taiwan
Netherlands	Brazil	China
Czechoslovakia	Saudi Arabia	Spain
Holland	Malaysia	Brazil
France	South Africa	Sweden
Austria	Mexico	Denmark
Hong Kong	Poland	Belgium
Australia	China	Italy
Japan		

Not bad for the little museum that could.

*submitted by Carol Morphy from her explorations through museum records.

OLD STUFF COUNTS

At right is the Pemberton Museum which was originally built in 1894 by William Morgan Miller and was last lived in by Milton Shantz until approx. 1980. Donated to the Museum Society by Warner Oberson, it is now located beside Home Hardware, it is slated to be moved across from the Pemberton General Store. If you haven't visited the museum yet, it may be time you did. A lot of the history of the Pemberton Valley has been lost over the years between 1858 and the present. Wander around the museum and ask questions.



**The old museum site 1984
(Fougberg Park)**



**The new museum site early 2000s
(vacant lot across from site)**

PEMBERTON STN SCHOOLHOUSE AND JOHN ARN CABIN PROJECT UPDATE

We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada for this project. The funding will be received this month and the museum is gathering quotes for the works planned. Meanwhile, Doug Bush Survey Services were called in to update the survey for the site. Last year the old machine shed was demolished and the storage unit was moved to a location beside the Soo Building. The fence was aligned to the property line along Prospect Street and a 2nd gate was added in 2017. All of these improvements need to be shown on the property survey plan so that the architect can create a site plan for the Schoolhouse and Cabin placement on the property. The surveyors were on site this month and the updated plan will be forwarded to the architect soon.

As stated earlier, two cedar trees were also removed this month to allow for the placement of the Schoolhouse on the site. Staff continue to work on clean up of the logging debris before School groups begin their annual spring visits to the site. Ian McLeod has offered to assist with chipping and a debris haul again this year and the After School workers are busy raking up the yard this month and are piling it up into a mountain under the trees.

The Village of Pemberton has provided permission to the museum for the construction works planned and we will be submitting a minor development permit once the construction drawings and site plan are finalized. The museum is required to notify local neighbours and businesses of the works planned and to provide contact details for any questions or concerns related to the project.

Lastly, the museum has determined that the John Arn cabin will be dismantled in order to move it as it is really two buildings resting together and will require too much stabilization to move in one piece. This building was previously dismantled and rebuilt at the C.M.O.S. site in the 1970s. More project updates will be coming in the next newsletter.

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CURRENTLY SEEKING COLLECTION COORDINATOR

The position will assist the Curator with researching indigenous artifacts held in collection at the museum (50 items). The student will research origin and condition, create reports and make the artifact records publicly accessible through the website to enable repatriation requests.

Successful candidates will have:

- High school and/or post-secondary education with interest in history, museum studies, education, science or tourism
- Excellent communication skills verbal and written
- Administration and computer skills

(10 weeks, 355 hours) June 17, 2019 – Sept 01 2019 / 35-40 hrs. per week (may include weekends).

Go to our website to see the full job description.

Send your resume and references to 'Personnel Committee'
info@pembertonmuseum.org

This is a YCW funded position and applicants must be Canadian citizens, full-time students between 16-30 years old.

CURRENTLY SEEKING MUSEUM GUIDE

The position will provide visitor services and guided tours to connect museum visitors to local, regional and national Canadian history.

Successful candidates will have:

- High school and/or post-secondary education with interest in history, museum studies, education, science or tourism
- Outstanding visitor service skills
- Excellent communication skills verbal and written

(9 weeks, 320 hours) June 24, 2019 – Sept 01, 2019 / 35-40 hrs. per week (may include weekends)

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NEW MUSEUM SUPERVISOR TERESA SMITH

Please join us in welcoming Teresa Smith to her new role at the museum. Teresa grew up in Birken and is passionate about local history. We are thrilled with the skills she brings to the role. In a short time she has helped chase raccoons from the site, helped to get the site open, and has been getting all of the children's activities organized for school groups. Oh ya—and she just moved up from the city and has been enjoying some time at the farm in Birken. Thankfully, she appears unstoppable!



VISIT FROM CHIEF MICAH

Chief Micah Thevarge and Edwin Bikadi dropped by the museum this May for a visit. The museum has a long standing connection with the Thevarge family from D'arcy as Chief Eddie was the builder of the Barney house currently at the museum. Martin, Sharon and Mark Thevarge were at the very first AGM. Chief Micah was interested in the future of the building which is currently set up as a one room school. Once the Schoolhouse is moved on to the site the museum will need to plan for the future of the house. The conversation will continue regarding this building and we thank Chief Micah for visiting and starting the conversation.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE RACCOON KIND

Staff were quietly eating their lunch when suddenly disturbed by strange growling and yelping noises. Upon investigating the area behind the bulldozer, two raccoons were seen descending a tree in a compromising position. The growling and hugging continued until a hose was pointed at the critters who immediately separated and ran up a tree.

Abell Bob dropped in for a visit to help staff check the site for signs of permanent habitation and nesting and thankfully it appears the museum is not housing them. However, Bob mentioned that the site provides a welcome reprieve from the dogs of the neighbourhood and is likely a place for raccoons to gather, break bread, socialize and bond, free from the pressures of modern life. Just to be safe though, staff are continuing to check under the buildings vigilantly and are looking for coyote urine to place under the buildings, ...if anyone has any....

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Schoolhouse Stomp



B.Y.O. Chair



Saturday June 22, 6-10pm

Live entertainment featuring the **Courageous Mountain Rangers**

Baked Beans, Buns & Bluegrass Dinner

at the Museum

\$30 per ticket - buy at museum

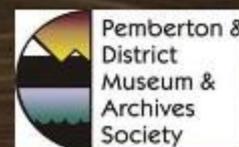
Proceeds will help restore Pemberton's First School and the John Arn cabin at the Museum



Beer by the Beer Farmers



Reserve your tickets early 604-894-5504



THE PEMBERTON W.I.'S STRAWBERRY TEA IS COMING!

The Strawberry Tea is coming soon on **Tuesday June 11th. [Berry dependent]** This is an annual fundraiser for the Pemberton Women's Institute and is a genuine Pemberton experience! The shortcake is homemade, the whipped cream is shaken in front of your eyes and the strawberries are so fresh!

The event runs on a Tuesday afternoon from 2-4pm and the date is "Berry dependent". Watch our website for more info and join in to "get your dessert before dinner".

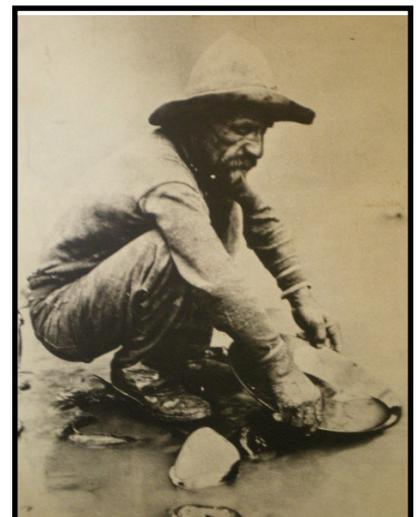


From the Archives

The museum received great feedback from the last edition of the newsletter which featured Lucius' recollections of his journey along the Douglas Trail. When Lucius travelled this route it would have been the main travel route. The Yale-Lillooet route opened by 1862 and there was much competition between the two routes and the subsequent economic benefits the main trail would bring to an area. This excerpt was not edited for grammar, misspellings or general confusion.....

Excerpts from "Highlights in the Life of Lucius Samuel Edelbute from 1849 to 1863".

I sed that they wod see me a gain that I wooden leave the country that I wood try it one more year any how I hoped that I wod bee able to mike than a present sum tim and bid them good by. I had thirty milz to go to git to the next lake. The road waz a wagon road and very ruff. It ran thru the cazkadz montains oll the way whar the road ran it looked like thay had bin a large river ran thru thar one day but the Shaken and trembling and caven of large mazes of rockz foling it sonded like diz tistent thunder perety much oll the time. Anderzon lake waz the next. They was a blakzmith shot thar and five handz to work in the shop. I got thar bout 3 o clock the day I lef and steted in the shop and azt the forman if he codent give me a job in hiz shop. He sed whot can you du? I told him anything that he wonted dun. He sed oll rite I wont to rest a fu daiz eny way you take my fier and go to work. He poot me on sum hevey work mending three brakz that had broken of[f] in the elbow and had to be welded. I went to work lik a good fellow over a hot char cole fier and waz week yet and I swet oful. I thot it wod kill me before I cod get thru with the work but I stuck to it and completed my job but drank to much woter. The boss sed that was a good Job and foe me not to du eny more that day and to cum and take a drink. I din so and it set me strate. I went and et my lunch and felt fine. I worked a bout a week when a man came in the shop. My helper sed that waz Mac Doge that owned the boat and the shop and teemz on the road and the stage and Mr. Vance waz his forman in the shop. Dreckly he cam in the shop and watch uz worken and step out and sed Vance you have a good man thar. Yez he iz a good smith. Well keep him. I will have more work sun and sed to me wodent you like to have sum clothes. I sed yezz sur if I had eny way to get them. He sed go down to my store and get them. I dun so. He told hiz clurk to give me Juzt what I wonted. Mr. Bell sed wuhat will you have a full suit and a par of bootz and sockz. I went and took a good bath and drezt up once mor and felt like a nu man. Worked on for five weekz and fel out with the forman Vance. He was a Scochman by burth and a bout 2 hunar pondz in wait—a hevey forman. He had poot on a shu on a temzter mule the even before and the shu come off during the nite in the corell and temzter wonted to start out erly in the morning with hiz load and found the shu off and had to bring the mule to the shop. Him and the temzter had afuz about the shu. The temzter wented me to poot the shu on for him. I went to work and poot the shu on fer the temzter and temzter wor well pleaszt with the Job and told Vance that he codent du az good and sent on. Vance then comenzted on me hevey. Little like the old country stile. I tuke it for sum time. He cold me a good meny hard namz and I told him not to du so but he kep on. I pooled my shurt and told him to stand out. He dun so and in a bout ten minitz I had him whipped and I quit. Mr. Bell gave me my time and I went to Doge's quarterz and took a leter for Mr. Bell. Doge red the leter and sed hellow you have whipped my forman. You hafto go rite back for I will keep bezt man. I told him that I dident wont Mr. Vanze to luze hiz plaze on my account. He sed no he waz drinking to much eny how. I then sed I felt like I was under meny obligation to Vance for leten me go to work. He had orders to get a hand. If you wont eny thing you can have it but you wont get a dolar you must go back and stay till I close the Shop for winter. I agreed to du so I wnet back the next day he sent a leter with me to Bell and Bell dizcharde Vanz and I took hiz place till the 17 of December then the lakz closed up.



Sour Dough on the Douglas Trail p174.3