

THE PEMBERTON AND DISTRICT MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES



Pemberton & District Museum & Archives Society

NEWSLETTER

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FOREWORD

We can just let July be July, let the sun hang in the sky, clear your mind of all the things you're waiting on."

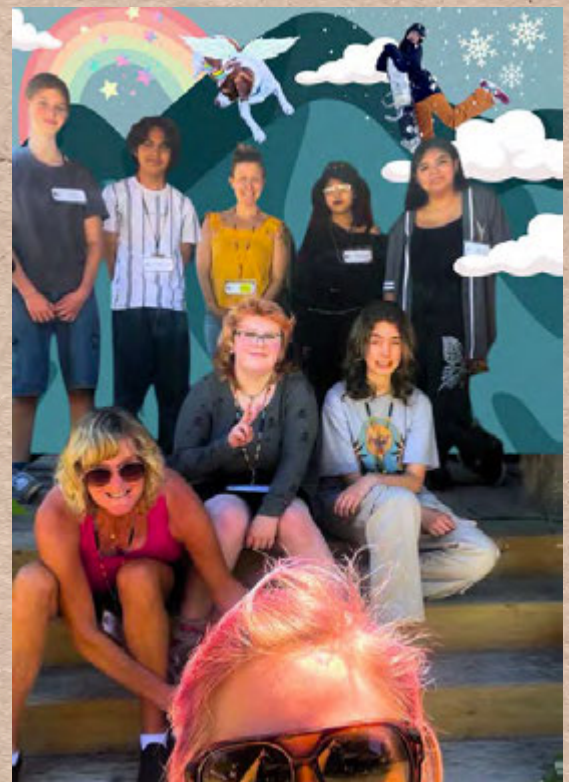
~ Lily Williams

July has flown by, and as we reach the halfway point of the year, we also find ourselves midway through our exciting 2024 Season at the Museum! So far, we've danced to some funky beats at our Season Kick-Off Party, hosted a couple delightful Toonie tea parties, and welcomed people from around the world to step back in time and explore Pemberton's unique history.

While it's important to celebrate what we've accomplished over the past two months and look forward to upcoming events, we also need to take a moment to pause, breathe, and soak it all in.

"Slowly, but with purpose" is our motto here at the Pemberton Museum, and it's a valuable reminder to apply in our daily lives, especially amidst the summertime hustle and bustle. Here's to a fun-filled, stress-free August!

MEET THE TEAM



Monsieur the Wonder Dog, Sara Westerholm Liv Teitzel, Damon Jim, Erica Hurtubise, Asher Nelson, Alex Edmonds Laurel Pickels, Kie Garneau, Tamara Stokes Charmaine Carpenter

REMEMBERING IAN MCLEOD



The museum would like to acknowledge the passing of Ian McLeod this month and we wanted to share some memories of Ian who contributed an extraordinary amount of time and effort at the museum over many years.

I first met Ian and his family at a museum event in the 1990s. Ian often dragged his friends, relatives and neighbours to museum events whenever they occurred and was a great supporter of the museum since its earliest days.

In my time at the museum I came to know Ian as a remarkable person who could solve the physical problems of the world with a smile. No matter how difficult a problem appeared to be at the museum he could provide a solution.

I regarded Ian as an expert in many things; construction, excavation, electrical work, plumbing, landscaping and of course, humour.

Ian not only donated his expertise to the museum, but also some of his children. I had the pleasure of working with Bill and Margaret during my time there. He also made regular cash donations and in-kind donations for services provided.

He was a person we heavily relied on to keep the good work going at the site. If the washroom failed, we called Ian. If we needed underground services repaired, we called Ian. If we needed help hauling debris off site, we called Ian. If we needed to figure out how to move two historic buildings to the site, we called Ian (and bought him lunch).

Ian was one of those rare individuals who could solve real world problems with real world expertise and skills in a way that made it seem easy. He was very well read too. He probably read more books in his lifetime than most people could in two lifetimes but he also knew the difference between the land of books and the real world. He knew exactly how to get difficult problems solved in a way that left you grateful and in awe.

There was nothing he tackled by the book. When you see the museum site today you can see Ian's influence, especially over the last decade. He was not the kind of person to seek accolades for his work; he was just happy to help and to have a laugh along the way.

He also loved a fire in the firepit at the site, although the local fire department didn't feel the same way. The firepit has since been removed but you can see it and Ian's work at the site in this video: <http://tiny.cc/qtsazz>

The museum and the community of Pemberton have suffered a great loss this month but I know his spirit will live on through his work at the museum for years to come.

Please join us in sharing our condolences with Ian's family, friends and community members who share our loss.

-Excerpt from a letter written by Niki Madigan, former Curator of PDMAS - July 16, 2024.



Photo: Ian McLeod, Dwayne Dick, Bill McLeod in front of the new schoolhouse they built (2021).

JULY'S TOONIE TEAS



On July 16th, we hosted our first Toonie Tea of the season! Pemberton's beloved ukulele duo, Highly Strung, provided lively and humorous music throughout the day, keeping everyone entertained. Our treat table was generously stocked with a delightful array of treats, thanks to the culinary talents of Brenda McLeod, Ola Perkins, Fran Cuthbert, and Judy McNolty.

July 23rd brought cooler temperatures and a lovely group of locals and tourists to the site to share snacks and stories from the past.

July's Toonie Teas welcomed 60 guests and we signed up and renewed 5 memberships!

TOONIE TEAS IN AUGUST

The museum still has several Toonie Teas planned this season. Join us for delicious treats, lively conversation, and local entertainment. Whether you're a local or just visiting, our teas are a perfect way to connect with the community.

Upcoming Toonie Tea Tuesdays:

August 13th

August 20th - Chicks with Picks

August 27th!

Special Edition: FireSmart Info Session Tea and Tales:

Friday, August 2nd from 2-4

CALLOUT FOR LOCAL ARTISTS!

**Call for
Local
Artists!**

We are looking for artists to display their work in our gallery!



For \$35/week or \$100/month, you can showcase your pieces in our gallery! For more information please contact us at: info@pembertonmuseum.org

DATE NIGHT CONCERT SERIES IS BACK!



We are thrilled to announce that local songbirds Sheri Marie Ptolemy and Winona Nelson will be performing at our first Date Night this year! Join us on **Thursday, August 22, from 7-10pm** to experience Sheri's new EP 'Hometown.'

This year we are inviting guests to bring a picnic dinner or snacks with them. We will have our bar open selling beer, wine, cider and a few non-alcoholic options. Tickets are \$10 in advance \$15 at the gate.



FROM THE ARCHIVES - SUMMERS OF PEMBERTON'S PAST

The sun is shining, the mountains are vibrant and green, the cottonwood has been falling like snow in July, and the traditional Pemberton Summer we all know and love has officially arrived! So what better way to honour this gorgeous season than to take a trip back in time to the summers of Pemberton's Past?



Ronayne Field and Barns
"Summer Scene"
July 6th, 1986



A teacher from Pemberton's initial school, the Spetch School, dressed in a traditional bathing suit from the early 1900s.

"Sun is shining.
Weather is sweet.
Make you wanna move
your dancing feet."
- Bob Marley



One Mile Creek at summer
level
29th June, 1987

FIRESMART 2024 WORK IS COMPLETE!



We are thrilled to announce the completion of the FireSmart Initiatives planned for 2024!

Thanks to everyone that assisted with this massive project: Flow Irrigation, who installed an irrigation system and roof top sprinklers. McLeod Works for building improvements, Active Mountain Trucking for the gravel perimeters, The Village of Pemberton and Pemberton FireSmart Team for partnering with us and the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation for funding the project.

A big thanks to our hard working staff and volunteers! We have a great team this year!

