

## THE PEMBERTON AND DISTRICT MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES



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# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the July 2023 edition of the Pemberton Museum newsletter. As the heat of summer settles into the valley, we are thrilled to bring you the latest updates, events, and fascinating stories from our beloved museum. Get ready to meet our new team, embark on a journey through time and explore the captivating history and exciting upcoming events that shape our vibrant community.

Join us as we celebrate our heritage and continue to preserve the stories that make Pemberton truly special.  
Happy reading!

## SUMMER IS HERE AND WE ARE EXCITED FOR YOUR VISIT!

Our season got off to a busy start with the training of our team of dedicated staff members and hosting a collection of private events for local businesses, community groups and residents.

On June 20th we welcomed the Pemberton Valley Supermarket's extended family for their staff appreciation party and this year they were blessed with warm, dry weather. On June 27th the Pemberton Women's Institute hosted their annual fundraiser, selling close to 500 blueberry shortcakes and hosting close to 200 guests at the museum. We were honoured to host the wedding rehearsal dinner for a local family and on July 14th, Murphy Construction held a portion of their Staff Appreciation event at the museum. Thanks to each group for including the museum as part of their festivities.

In June we welcomed 565 guests to the site!

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## MEET OUR TEAM!

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We are thrilled to introduce to you the incredible individuals who make up our dedicated team here at the Pemberton Museum. Each team member brings enthusiasm and humor to the daily tasks required to keep our site looking good and running well.

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CW: Natilyn, Padma, Damon, Alex, Liv, Anastasia, Monsieur the wonder dog, and Charmaine

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Our guest services team greets each guest, offers tours, answers questions, and provides scavenger hunts, games and puzzles to those interested in delving deeper into the history of Pemberton and the beloved buildings and objects we care for.

Natilyn Edmonds is our Guest Services Lead, ensuring the team is on track and focused on the daily tasks and special projects designed to engage and educate our guests. She leads with kindness and a sense of humour, offering help when needed. Alex started with us in the spring and is quickly learning the ropes, offering tours and greeting guests with enthusiasm. Padma is hardworking and dedicated and is always ready to help her team members and our guests. Liv is a natural leader, has great taste in music and as our tallest staff member, helps us reach items on the top shelf. Damon is always entertaining, keeping the rest of the team laughing while they work through their long list of things to do.

Anastasia Delaney is our new social media and communications guru, capturing all the fun that goes down on site and sharing it with our online audience. We have added TikTok to our outreach and are thrilled to see all the stories and videos on Instagram and Facebook. If you have noticed a more engaging social media presence from the museum recently, that's Ana's handiwork. We look forward to sharing more events, programs and Pemberton history with you in the future.

Charmaine, curator and cheerleader of the staff, does her best to keep up with this motley crew, reminding them to stay hydrated and slow down. *Slowly but with Purpose* is a way of life here at the museum and a philosophy we hope to impart into the work ethic of each member of our team.

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## WE ARE STILL HIRING!

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The museum continues to search for a Museum Collection / Guest Services Coordinator for the 2023 season. This position is full-time (32 hours/week) and funded in part by Young Canada Works, a program run by the Canadian Museums Association. Due to the nature of the grant, candidates must be between the ages of 15 – 30 and be returning to school in the next 12 months. For a job description, list of grant requirements and more information about working at the museum, visit our website: [www.pembertonmuseum.org/blog/2023/4/27/museum-collection-guest-services-coordinator/](http://www.pembertonmuseum.org/blog/2023/4/27/museum-collection-guest-services-coordinator/)

If you'd like to join our fun and dynamic team, send your resume and a cover letter to "Personnel Committee" at [info@pembertonmuseum.org](mailto:info@pembertonmuseum.org)

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## 2023 AGM - JULY 19TH

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On Wednesday, July 19th, the Pemberton Museum hosted our 40th Annual General Meeting! At the meeting we reviewed the 2022 season.

We discussed the steady increase of guests since COVID restrictions were lifted, and the growth we are seeing online through our website and social media channels.

We reviewed our staffing plan from 2022 and discussed how we can improve in 2023 and we reviewed the financials of the organization.

A huge thank you to our Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment and the time they spend helping us stay on track.

## ARE YOU A MEMBER?

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Memberships are due! The Pemberton Museum is a non-profit organization that relies on the support of our community to keep our line-up of fun events and activities running. By becoming a member, you will be kept up to date with historical happenings and contribute to the preservation of Pemberton and District history. We provide charitable receipts for cash and in-kind donations.



Individual Memberships - \$20

Family Memberships - \$25

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## HOST YOUR SPECIAL EVENT AT THE MUSEUM

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Are you searching for a unique and charming venue to host your next event? Look no further than the Pemberton Museum where the past comes alive in the present!

Nestled amidst the majestic mountains and surrounded by nature's beauty, the Pemberton Museum is a hidden gem that will enchant you and your guests. Whether you're planning a wedding, staff appreciation party, family reunion, art exhibition, yoga retreat or any special occasion, our museum offers an unforgettable setting that seamlessly blends history with modern amenities. Our outdoor spaces provide a perfect backdrop for any ceremony, creating memories that will last a lifetime and the new schoolhouse can be transformed to suit your vision. Our dedicated staff will work closely with you to customize the layout and decor, ensuring your event reflects your unique style and personality.

Our affordable prices are customized to your event, just send us an email explaining your event, the date and time, number of people and if you plan to serve food and beverages. Email us at: [info@pembertonmuseum.org](mailto:info@pembertonmuseum.org)



# TOONEY TEAS ARE BACK!

Tooney Teas are back every second Tuesday in August and September! Join us from 2pm-4pm for homemade baked goods, tea and live local music and/or a talk from Lil'wat elder Patricia Ritchie.

August 8th - Jammin' Jack and the Men's Shed Jamboree



August 22nd - Highly Strung  
(Brenda McLeod & Shawn Wallace)

September 12th - Patricia Ritchie shares her family history and contributions her family, the Pascal's, made to Lil'wat Nations and the surrounding communities.



September 19th -  
acoustic singer  
Susan Holden

# DATE NIGHTS ARE BACK!

We are excited for the return of the very successful DATE NIGHT events that were started in 2021. Hosted on Thursday evenings in September, Date Night includes a meal from a local business and incredible live entertainment that includes local singer/song writers and an Elvis Impersonator.

September 14th - TBA

September 21st - That Elvis - Stunning Steve, the long lost son of Elvis, stays true to Elvis's style, charisma and affinity for high kicks. This high energy show will have you singing along to the King's hits, laughing and screaming for more.



# IN THE NEWS

We are thrilled to be featured in The Pique twice in the last month.

June 20, 2023

## Pemberton Museum Opens for 2023 Season



Link: <https://tinyurl.com/d5tbeurn>



July 12, 2023

## Letter: Pemberton Women's Institute Says Thanks

On behalf of the Pemberton Women's Institute, I would like to express our gratitude to our community of Pemberton for supporting our annual Blueberry Tea. First and foremost, the Pemberton Valley Supermarket, which is always behind every event in this town with its generous donations. A special thank you to the museum and staff and committee for the use of its grounds and help, as well as all of our friends who came to lend a hand.

Linda Welsh // Pemberton

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdjin4vdm>

# MURPHY CONSTRUCT VISITS THE MUSEUM

On July 14th the museum welcomed the crew from Murphy Construction as part of their Staff Appreciation scavenger hunt.



Such a fun day! Thanks for including the Pemberton Museum in the festivities!

## NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES



*Squamish Times Sept 4 1958*

**TWO-BED MINIATURE** Health Centre, Centennial project for Pemberton and District, opened August 27, has a Public Health office, first aid station, doctor's office, X-ray developing room, Red Cross loan cupboards, two dispensaries, one equipped by doctors from Lillooet and the other by doctors from Squamish, and a large meeting room that will be used by various organizations in the district. There is an automatic oil furnace for heating. Already in use, a young Vancouver dentist, Allan, has been conducting a dental clinic for the past few weeks. He has high praise for the centre's facilities. The building and equipment are valued at \$15,000. C.A. 269

### PEMBERTON PARAGRAPHS

A cast of 16 persons appeared in the play "A Boy Named Beulah" last Tuesday and Wednesday. The play, a hilarious 3-act comedy, which was presented in the new auditorium at the school, had the audience in stitches.

Harry McCulloch and Mary Miller played the leading roles and the cast included Mrs. Sarah Purden, Mrs. Betty Thomson, Miss Nancy Gilmore, Mrs. Norman Austin, Mrs. Eileen Brotherton, Mrs. Margaret Nielsen, Grethyll Watson, Mr. Brian Ross, Mr. Orville Starks, Mr. Frank Shore, Mr. George Bikadi, Mr. David Taylor, Mr. Fred Thomson, and Mr. Marvin Shier.

At the first performance Mr. Avin Starks filled in for Mr. Shier due to illness.

Directors of the production were Mrs. Rene Carredice and Mrs. Lillian Shore.

Make-up artists were Mrs. Peggy Currie and Mrs. Tricia Thomas.

On Wednesday night the directors were presented with gifts by Mrs. Nielsen, from the cast, in appreciation of their many hours of work.

Mrs. Purdon, on behalf of the Centennial Committee, presented Mrs. Brotherton (producer), with a gift.

### From the <sup>MARK</sup> 1971 Pemberton Valley By EDITH ILLES

**Stork News:**  
Congratulations to Wayne and Karen Petty on the birth of their second son, Jamie Wayne, at Vancouver General Hospital March 11, 1979. Jamie weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was welcomed home by his big brother Jason (2 1/2 yrs.).

Gladys and Curtis Pascal's young baby was given the names Kurt Lincoln at a baptism service at St. Christopher's Catholic Church, officiated by Father Scott in Mount Currie on March 17. Godmother is Mary Jane Joe and godfather is Reggie Pascal. A family gathering was held in the manse with special friend Mrs. Julian Green present.

Ben Andrews of Mount Currie passed away in the hospital in Vancouver on March 15. Funeral services were held at St. Christopher's Catholic Church on March 18 with Father Scott officiating. Sympathy is extended to all of Ben's children and their families, and his sisters Margaret Lester and Irene and brothers Albert and Johnny.

Congratulations to David Harris, son of Kal and Peggy Harris on receiving a scholarship for highest academic standing at Selkirk College. David is graduating in Wildlife Recreation.

Get well wishes to Dorothy Ernst and Sandy Spetifore who are in hospital in Vancouver and to young Garrett Pascal who is in Lillooet Hospital.

The Pemberton Chamber of Commerce reports that work has begun on the Tourist Booth being built by the Pemberton Secondary School. It will be placed next to the Pemberton and District Library.

Brent Van der Lee who is attending Convent Bible College in Prince Albert, Sask., was one of two students chosen to visit North Park College in Chicago. All expenses paid, Brent is looking forward to his trip on March 29 to April 2.

Joanne Nishimura, Regional 4H Specialist who is visiting in Mount Currie this past week to help organize 4H in the area.

Elmer and Ruth Hellevang have returned from Arizona. When in Mesa, the Hellevangs visited Tom and Helen Allen, former residents of the valley. The Allens sent their regards to all of their friends. Elmer reported excellent weather in the last part of their holiday with temperatures averaging 40 degrees F.

Jackie Perkins is home for a month's holiday visiting her parents Donna and Howard Perkins.

Five Boy Scouts, Jeff Lawrence, Cary Frederick, Carvin Perkins, Edwin Bikadi, and Kirk Doherty spent St. Patrick's Day March 17, learning winter survival skills at Cottonwood Acres. The boys each had to build their own winter shelters, build fires and cook a good meal. Watch for the Scout Bottle Drive on March 31.

Fourteen Brownies are working very hard on earning their Dancers badge. Brown Owl Mrs. Henry had invited dancing instructor Bev Blundell to teach the girls Irish Folk dancing.

Welcome home to Adele and Hector Harwood from Arizona where they have spent the past winter.



*Feb 23 67 Sq. Times*

**GETTING** into the act for the Pemberton pageant and costume ball were school board chairman, left, H. H. Bailey and secretary Don Ross. C.A. 265

SUMMERTIME FUN - FROM THE ARCHIVES



Photos CW: Mrs. Jack Greer, camping; Rosemary Decker, fishing at Salmon Slough; Pemberton Women's Institute at Birkenhead River-1950s: Vivian Lokken, Maude Ronayne, Mrs. Bhurr, Phemie Menzel, Teresa Summerskill (nee Lokken), Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Shore (wearing hat), Molly Ronayne. Front row: Frances Decker, Mrs. Green, Unknown (beside Mrs. Green on chair), Vera Miller.; Charlie Noel and friends in D'Arcy; Adella Fowler paddling dugouts full of children; John Decker and T. "Slim" Fougberg fishing at Birkenhead lake 1946.