

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

MUSEUM BUILDING TURNS 50 From Centennial to Sesquicentennial



The Kelowna Centennial Museum under construction.

On June 10, 1967, during Canada's Centennial celebration, dignitaries cut the ribbon on Kelowna's first purpose built museum on the corner of Queensway and Ellis. A second level was added in 1976 to accommodate an archives, more display area, and programming. Over the years, the name changed from Kelowna Centennial Museum to Okanagan Heritage Museum.

On June 10, 2017, during Canada's Sesqui-centennial celebration, dignitaries and friends gather to celebrate

the 50th birthday of the facility. During those 50 years, the community has changed dramatically. Within the walls, the facility is being re-imagined.

Join us on June 10 for a special friendship ceremony with Westbank First Nations and other special guests. Enjoy a bite of birthday bannock, and take in some great programming. Together, we'll sesqui-celebrate the cultures, histories, and possibilities of our community.



Kelowna Mayor Dick Parkinson (Left) assisting Mayor General George Pearkes (Right), VC (Victoria Cross) then Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, with the ribbon cutting to officially open the Kelowna Centennial Museum.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

'The Ultimate Un-tour' on International Museums Day

May 18 | 3-4:30pm

Okanagan Heritage Museum

Expect the unexpected when Kelowna Museums re-imagines the classic museum tour! Get ready for new views of the gallery, and behind-the-scenes surprises. \$5/person.

Non-Instructional Day: Water and Me

May 19 | 10am-1pm

Okanagan Heritage Museum

No school today! Explore the "Social Life of Water" exhibit with art and interactive activities. Take a journey through the watershed and immerse yourself in stories of the past, present and future. Suggested \$5/family donation.

Cemetery Tours

June 3 & 14 | 10am-12pm

Memorial Park Cemetery (Pioneer Section)

Join historian Bob Hayes for a walk through the past featuring people and stories of early Kelowna. \$5/person.

Tombstone Cleaning Workshop

June 3 | 1pm-3pm

Memorial Park Cemetery (Pioneer Section)

Help preserve Kelowna's historical grave markers by learning proper cleaning techniques. Supplies provided. \$5/person.

Stories from Kelowna's Chinatown

May 27 | 10am-1pm

Okanagan Heritage Museum

Celebrate Asian Heritage Month and interact with Kelowna's Chinatown of the past. Engage your senses as you step into the past. Drop-in, for adults and children to enjoy together. Suggested \$5/family donation.

Music of Heavens: a Workshop

May 27 | 1-4pm

Okanagan Heritage Museum

Join us for a workshop lead by UBCO fine arts professor Dr. Aleksandra Dulic. Create and animate stars that represent your unique cultural heritage in celebration of the broad experiences of contemporary Canadians. Free!

Sesqui-licious Nosh

June 1 | 4-6pm

The Laurel Packinghouse

Taste local ciders, wines or spirits, nibble made-in-the-Okanagan treats, and unwind in a convivial historical space. Free event.

Quiet Stories from Canadian Places

Opening June 2. See next page for more info.

Kelowna Museums Birthday Celebration

June 10 | 11am-3pm

Okanagan Heritage Museum

The Okanagan Heritage Museum turns 50 and is undergoing renewal. We are honoured to partner with Westbank First Nation to celebrate. Enjoy a special ceremony and a bite of birthday bannock, awesome UnTours and family activities. Free event.

National Aboriginal Day

June 21 | 10am-1pm

Okanagan Heritage Museum

Explore the qwí?, learn about indigenous plants, and participate in a fun hands-on activity. All Ages. Suggested \$5 donation.

For more information:

kelownamuseums.ca/events

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CELEBRATING CANADA 150:

Quiet Stories from Canadian Places



Heather Cline, *Along the Waterfront Path*, Acrylic on Canvas, 2017

Artist, Heather Cline, has been collecting stories from people across Canada, including Kelowna, to incorporate into her latest exhibition – Quiet Stories from Canadian Places.

Last fall, the artist interviewed Kelowna residents, who shared personal memories of their home and community. Cline was inspired to paint some of the locations, connecting with the subject matter through other people's reminiscences and experiences of place.

The exhibition features rich paintings and captivating personal stories from around the country, which create a dynamic narrative space filled with images and soundscapes.

Quiet Stories from Canadian Places runs from June 2,

2017 to September 4, 2017 at the Okanagan Heritage Museum.

About the Artist

Heather Cline is a painter and mixed media artist living and working in Regina, Saskatchewan. Since completing her MFA at the University of Saskatchewan in 2001, Cline has been

exploring narratives around place and personal history. She is fascinated by how personal history intersects with human geography; currently, this involves merging collage soundscapes with lush intricate paintings of everyday places.



Heather Cline, *Burn*, Acrylic on panel, 2017

IN MEMORIAM: DOREEN BAIN

With sadness we announce the passing of Doreen Bain, 1934-2017. Doreen was a benefactor of Kelowna Museums Society, and worked passionately to support the Laurel Packinghouse. We offer condolences to her family and friends.

NEW TO COLLECTIONS



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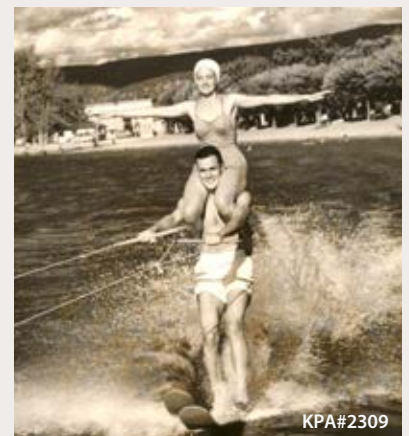
This pair of dancing shoes was donated by Audrey Basham, who was a young student of the Mary Pratten School of Dance. Audrey grew up in Kelowna in the 1940s. Her family operated Shelley's Pet Store.



Mary Pratten with two students, 1956.

Mary Pratten opened a dance studio in Kelowna in 1937, and taught lessons up until 1960, when she was in her late 80s. She charged between 25¢ and 50¢ a lesson. Some of her students went on to join professional dance companies, including the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

HAVE AN ADVENTUROUS SUMMER!



Stunt water skiers performing on Aug. 1, 1950.

