

# FRIENDS OF BARKERVILLE Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society Volume 15, Issue 2 - July, 2011

- Winning Essays from the "Jerry McDonald Bursary" competition
- Some history on Lea & Perrins Sauce
- A new crossword puzzle



Opening week - with tons of snow still



Dianne Dagneau – running in the Barkerville Rush Relay Race



Dominion Day Parade



BC Parks Moose marches in the parade

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**MEMBERSHIP:** A FOB membership application is invited from anyone wishing to share our enthusiasm for preserving, presenting and promoting knowledge, events and memorabilia of the original Cariboo Gold Rush and its hub city, Barkerville. Membership gives the member (i) a voice and a vote at the Annual General Meeting, (ii) opportunities to attend executive meetings, (iii) the right to run for office, (iv) discounts at associated historical attractions and businesses.

**DIRECTORS MEETINGS:** Most of our regular meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at @5:30pm in Quesnel. There will be a couple of meetings a year in Barkerville.

**MERCHANDISE:** The Friends of Barkerville offer souvenirs, gifts, historical books and memorabilia for sale from the Barkerville Hotel during the Town's open season and Christmas weekend.

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

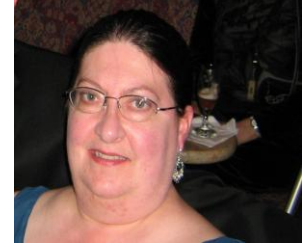
It has been a strange start to the season – weather wise. We had tons of snow still in May (most of it having fallen in the early spring) and it just never warmed up. The

snow melted slowly and rivers ran down the street. The Barkerville Rush Relay, which took place on the May long week-end, had lots of snow to contend with as usual. The crowds are a bit smaller, but they continue to come out to Barkerville. I attribute this to the lousy weather, the high price of gas and rising prices of absolutely everything. People are continuing to buy, but it seems that they are buying smaller, lesser priced things as souvenirs. The postal strike even affected the sale of postcards!

Let's hope the weather improves and the people continue to come out, as there are several events planned.

ArtsWells is next, on the August long weekend, and then on August 6<sup>th</sup> there is the Williams Creek Sports Day and the Goldfield Bakery 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pie Eating Contest. August 12 – 14 is the Mason's Annual Reunion. August 20 brings the Mid Autumn Moon Festival. After September arrives, there are two events planned – one is the new Cowboy & Drovers Jubilee on September 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> and the other – on September 17<sup>th</sup> is The Williams Creek Fire Brigade Day, with the famous "Amazing Race" relay and Theatre Royal's Fire Brigade Follies.

So come on out to Barkerville and join us in some of these fun events!



## TRAILS REPORT –

*By Robin Grady*

Well Hikers, some snow has departed the hills, so we have been trying to check out the trails and cut out

blow-down and brush. Six of us spent a Sunday up at Summit Rock and cleaned out the Ditchline Trail to Coopers Cabin and placed a split log bridge across the little washout at the start. Half the group cleaned up the Powderhouse Trail until the snow was too deep, but felt they were past any serious blow-down. We spent some time on the Waggon Road cross ditches to ensure the water didn't run too far on the road. Finally one crew went up the 1861 GRPT to approximately 2 km, and the remainder went up the Williams Creek Trail to the creek crossing. The

creek is running very fast and full - so expect to get wet for awhile yet. Apparently the trail to Racetrack from the 3100 Rd. will need to be addressed next as there was a report of many trees across the road and trail.

The hike that Dave Jorgenson had planned for mid-July had to be cancelled due to the snow at higher elevations, so this may give us time to address more, if not all the trails for maintenance. Hopefully there may be a Fall try to do the hike. The Friends have a hike planned to take place on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Barkerville gate at 9:30.

The bridge to the Canadian Claim is to be done this fall and is to be included with the work Barkerville has planned



### **President's report** *by Doug Perdue*

Welcome to summer 2011. It is a great year to visit Barkerville! There is not a lot of dust in the streets, the bugs aren't too bad, and the crowds are manageable. There also seems

to be a lack of smoke in the air from forest fire season. Definitely it is a "cup half full" kind of summer.

The Directors have been busy, as usual, getting ready to help make 2011 a great year at Barkerville. We have been busy on a number of projects to help make this happen.

There was a spring snowshoe hike that was well attended on the May 1 weekend. We will be following this up with a fall hike to highlight the local gold rush trails. The trail maps on the [www.Barkerville.bc.ca](http://www.Barkerville.bc.ca) website are a great resource if you want to explore some of these trails on your own. There are detailed maps and trail descriptions for a variety of routes ranging from an easy stroll to the 1861 Pack Trail hike from Keithley Creek to Barkerville that can take several days. 2011 is the 150 year anniversary of the 1861 trail.

We are also undertaking some trail maintenance work this summer. We are removing wind throw from across the trails to keep the hikes safe and enjoyable. We have been out one day so far with more work bees yet to come.

Fundraising continues for the rebuilding of the Canadian Claim display. We are selling shares in the claim as part of the effort. These are available at the Barkerville hotel. The shares are a work of art. They make a nice gift for friends, or as a reminder of your visit and support of Barkerville. Each claim is numbered and we will have a draw at the end of the year to award a gold nugget to the lucky shareholder.

Enjoy your summer and be sure to include a few visits to Barkerville in your plans.

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** - *by Lana Fox*

Here is a brief update on this year's membership. As of July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of Barkerville membership stands at 502 members. We have 380 renewals and 122 new members.



Many thanks to the members who have renewed their membership and continue to support the Friends and we welcome aboard all new members. Your support is appreciated and helps tremendously towards additional funding for projects within the site. All sales from our store at the Barkerville Hotel go back into Barkerville projects. Stop in at the Hotel and see what the Friends have for sale, mostly local Cariboo made items.

One of our continuing projects is selling shares in the Canadian Claim and we will once again have a draw for a gold nugget at the end of the season. Everyone purchasing a share or shares will have their name entered for every share purchased. All funds raised goes towards the re-construction of the Canadian Claim site across Williams Creek. Till next time.....

### **HOTEL REPORT** - *By Cathy Eisma*

The Hotel has been doing well this spring and summer. Our sales have been keeping pace with sales from last year – sometimes a bit up and sometimes a bit down, but generally stable despite what we are hearing from other merchants.

We have a few new products which have become quite good sellers. I found a source for little gold pans of several sizes and I have made gold pan earrings, magnets and key chains. Our woollen products – slippers and hats and socks and mitts continue to sell well and books, clothing and jewellery also seems to be moving steadily. We have had quite a few visitors from England and France and Holland this year so far, as well as lots of locals, but not too many Americans.

Come on out and visit us in the Barkerville Hotel.

## **SOME HISTORY ON LEA & PERRINS SAUCE**

*Gleaned from 2011 Lea & Perrins Inc. - by Lana Fox*

Ever wondered how long Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce has been around? It began in the early 1800's in the county of Worcester. Returning home from his travels in Bengal, Lord Sandys, a nobleman of the area, was eager to duplicate a recipe he'd acquired. On Lord Sandys' request, two chemists, John Lea and William Perrins made up the first batch of the sauce.



Advertisement from early 1900s

Lea & Perrins were not impressed with their initial results. The pair found the taste unpalatable, and left the jars in their cellar to gather dust. A few years later, they stumbled across them and decided to taste the contents again. To their delight, the aging process had turned it into a delicious, savoury sauce.

Soon Mr. Lea and Mr. Perrins began bottling their special blend of vinegars and seasonings. In just a few short years, without any kind of advertising, it was known and coveted in kitchens throughout Europe.

In 1839, John Duncan, a New York entrepreneur, ordered a small quantity of Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce. In the space of a few short years Duncan was importing large shipments to keep up with demand. Lea & Perrins was the only commercially bottled condiment in the US and Americans loved it right away. Almost 170 years later, Lea & Perrins sauce remains a favourite in households across America.



The Original Worcestershire Sauce

To this day, the recipe remains a closely guarded secret and only a privileged few know the exact ingredients. It remains true to the spirit of the original recipe, aged in wooden casks for 18 months for a richer, smoother flavour. It's available worldwide. The rest, as they say, is history.

**FACTS** • Imported in 1839 by New York businessman John Duncan, and is the oldest commercially bottled condiment in the U.S. • *Worcestershire can be properly pronounced a few ways: "WUST-ter-shire", "WOOS-ter-sheer", or "WOOS-ter-sheer" sauce.* • *Easiest way to say is Lea & Perrins.* • *The Bloody Mary was born in 1921 at "Harry's New York Bar", when the barman mixed vodka with tomato juice and a splash of Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce.*



Fox collection

Early bottle of Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce with glass stopper.

## ANSWERS TO PUZZLE

### ACROSS

1. Masons
4. Prancer
7. Roadhouse
9. Stouts
10. Drain
11. Billy Barker
18. Ounces
19. Barry
21. Cornish
23. Dan
25. Devils
27. Overlanders
29. Sophia
30. Camerontown
33. Mules
35. Dredge
36. Nozzle
37. Walkers
38. Boyd
39. Kelly
42. Jawbone
44. Wakeup Jake
46. Blackjack
47. Gold
48. Jones
50. Brew
54. Moses
55. Bowron
56. Nason
58. Hong
61. Tin
62. Ditchline
66. Drift
67. Murray
68. Tregillus
72. Bell
73. Bald
76. Fanny
78. Eldorado
79. Fraser
80. Blacksmith
81. Taylor

### DOWN

2. Anderson
3. Riffles
5. Captain
6. Mother lode
8. Sentinel
12. Keystone
13. Rose
14. Bloody
15. Begbie
16. Dead broke
17. Phoenix
20. Richfield
22. Fire
24. Vein
26. Shamrock
28. Downey
31. Blessing
32. Saloon
34. Stagecoach
37. Waverley
40. La Blanc
41. Poke
43. WaLee
45. Davis
47. Grouse
49. Heron
51. Doctor
52. Goldfield
53. Knott
57. Paydirt
59. Grimsby
60. Gibson
63. Hurdys
64. King
65. Stamp mill
69. Gunn
70. Lowhee
71. Stanley
74. Lindsay
75. Drift
77. Mosquito

## HIKE THE BARKERVILLE AREA

Enjoy the beautiful scenery around Barkerville Historic Town and area. Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> - Meet at 9:30 am at the gates to Barkerville. A variety of distances available - some easy - some more difficult. Come prepared for all weather & bring a bag lunch.

## LOOKING BACK - Gleaned from past FOB minutes by Cathy Eisma

“May 10, 1987 – Work project at Quesnelle Forks – 15 – 20 people attended from Barkerville, Wells, Quesnel, Likely and Williams Lake. They helped to do some rough stabilization work on all the 18 buildings that have been considered worth restoring.”

“July 22, 1987 – Arrangements have been made to present Fred Ludditt our 1<sup>st</sup> Lifetime Membership”

“March 1996 – Plans made for the Friends of Barkerville to operate in Barkerville”

“August 3, 1996 – Josh Trotter-Wanner – 1<sup>st</sup> student to be employed at the FOB Building in Barkerville.”

“July 1997 – FOB pins received – to be sold from the Friends building in Barkerville.”

“January 30, 1998 – Jerry McDonald dies while current president of the Friends of Barkerville.”

“June 1999 – a Bursary is started in memory of Jerry McDonald and criteria established.”

“July 2000 – Crystal Braun from Correlieu was winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Jerry McDonald Bursary.”

“May 3, 2001 – Barkerville CD offered for sale by the Grandell’s.”

“July 5, 2001 – executive voted to make move to the Barkerville Hotel.”

“May 14, 2002 – Norwegian Spruce Tree planted in honour of Lars Fossberg.”

“June 16, 2002 – Camel Trek arrived in Barkerville.”

“May 14, 2003 – Barkerville Hotel opened as new home for Friends of Barkerville.”

“September 2006 – We sold \$1641.00 worth of Waterwheel Shares.”

The following essays are the winners of the Jerry McDonald Bursary:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$500.00 winner**

**The Rise and Fall of Stanley, B.C. – by Lauren Perdue**

When asked about Barkerville, most anyone in the Cariboo could tell you its whereabouts and a few bits of information about it. Because of its preservation and infamy as the gold rush town of the Cariboo, Barkerville overshadows most all of the ghost towns on the gold rush trail. When asked about Stanley, it is unusual for people to have even heard of this community, which isn't particularly surprising, as only one building remains of the town today.

When gold was found on Lightning Creek in 1861, the communities of Stanley and Van Winkle sprang up, about 60 kilometres from Quesnel. The town was located at the branch to the old road to Barkerville, a rut which has since been abandoned in favour of the longer road through Wells. Of course, people were drawn to Stanley with expectations of gold from the LaFontaine, Slough Creek and Willow River mining operations.

Stanley met its heyday around the turn of the century; in 1905, its population surpassed even that of Barkerville. In the summer months, Stanley was home to about 500 people, of which over 40% were of Chinese ancestry. Freight teams on their way from Barkerville to Quesnel would often stop overnight at Stanley to avoid travelling through Beaver Pass, though if no accommodations were available, the teams would have to pass through anyways.

For other travellers, a room for the night could be found at one of Stanley's three hotels: the Stanley Hotel, the Lightning and the Grand. Also in the town were many stores and businesses, including a shoemaker's operated by Davie Edwards; shops owned by four Chinese men: Hook Kee, Kwong Lung Kee, Wing Shang, and Yee Wo Sang; four gambling houses and three saloons. There was also a dance hall, jail, post and telegraph office and BX agency.

The gold mines surrounding Stanley proved to be as bountiful as those on William's Creek. In two years, Stouts Gulch, the Lowhee and Mosquito Creek yielded more than a quarter-

million dollars between them. Other mines proved just as successful and many men came away from the goldfields a lot richer than when they arrived.

The town of Stanley started to decline in the 1920's and 30's. The Grand Hotel was destroyed by fire in 1937 and the Lightning Hotel burned down in 1924; the dance hall burned to the ground this year as well. As gold supplies dwindled, the population of Stanley moved to bigger and more prosperous centres, leaving little behind of the small town. Many buildings were torn down and others were abandoned and left to collapse and be destroyed by the elements.

Today, the only surviving building in Stanley is the Stanley Hotel. It sat, boarded up on the roadside for decades, and is currently undergoing renovations. Another reminder of the town is the Stanley cemetery, which sits on a hilltop near the old town site. The cemetery is the last resting place of many expired residents of Stanley. Many of the graves which once held Chinese miners have been exhumed, and the remains sent back to China.

As was the case for many gold rush towns, little remains of Stanley save for a few ruins and old memories. Thanks to books like W.M. Hong's "And So..That's How It Happened", Stanley will be saved from being completely forgotten in the future even if only the memories remain.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$300.00 winner**

**The History of the Cariboo: 1858 to 1940 – By Megan Parisotto**

The Cariboo has a diverse and exciting history of European settlers, who were drawn to the region due to its vast supply of natural resources.

Prior to 1858, the Cariboo was primarily known as a fur trading hub. In 1859, however, the discovery of gold on the Fraser River brought tens of thousands of people to the region who dreamed of "striking it rich". One English Prospector in particular struck one of the area's most prosperous gold claims. Billy Barker was thought of as foolish when he chose a spot down river from everyone else. Yet, to much surprise, he and his seven partners struck

a large gold claim near Stouts Gulch. Within a mere 48 hours, they had pulled out roughly one thousand dollars worth of gold; a considerable fortune back then.

Almost overnight, a town began to spring up to service the miners flocking to the area. The town was named Barkerville, after its most successful miner. Originally, the town served mostly as a supply and entertainment centre for miners who were largely living in tents and cabins. The population peaked during these early mining years, reaching about 4,600 people between 1864 and 1866. It is said that at one time, Barkerville was the largest town north of San Francisco and west of Chicago.

The vast number of prospectors meant road construction was needed to bring in freight wagons and coaches to reach the Cariboo interior. Constructed between 1862 and 1864, the road was built entirely by hand, picks and shovels. It was no easy feat; workers were forced to blast through the rock barrier of the Fraser Canyon to complete much of the road. Dubbed the “eighth wonder of the world”, the Cariboo Wagon Road stretched 642 kilometres from Yale to Barkerville.

Unfortunately, a devastating fire on September 16, 1868 destroyed Barkerville, reducing much of the town to ashes. Within weeks, new structures went up; Barkerville’s main street was widened, buildings were arranged in a more organized manner, and a town boardwalk was built to help residents get around during the spring floods. By the time of the fire and reconstruction, however, the original “boom” growth period in Barkerville was decreasing. Due to Barkerville’s more organized structure, the town became a place that was better suited for prospectors and their families. Many prospectors left, but some saw the hills of the Cariboo as promising ranch country and settled in to raise cattle.

The Pacific Great Eastern Railway, which ran from North Vancouver to Prince George, further opened up the interior after its construction in 1919. In its early years, the railway was the only means of shipping cattle out of the area. Later on, it became the main carrier of forest products and minerals to and from the region.

The next ten years was a time of excitement and hard work, as settlers built communities out of raw land. The Cariboo saw an era of “firsts”: first hotels, banks, stores, schools, churches, newspapers and all the things vital to a growing settlement.

While it was gold that laid the foundations for some communities, logging and the need for lumber became the fabric of the Cariboo. Even now, the region’s economy continues to be heavily interlinked with mining and the forest industry, drawing on the land’s abundance of natural resources.

## BOOK SIGNING EVENT IN THE BARKERVILLE HOTEL

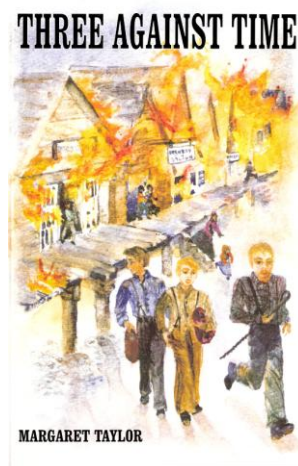
July 29, 2011

There will be a book signing event at the **Barkerville Hotel** on July 29, 2011 featuring local Author Margaret Taylor with her newly re-released children’s novel called *Three Against Time*.

The novel is about three boys who find themselves back in the 1860’s during the Gold Rush in Barkerville. Events in the book lead up to the boys being involved in the fire that destroyed much of the town in September of 1868.

The book has been reprinted with a new cover, with art work being done by local Artist Heather Grady.

Come on in a get your copy and have it signed by the Author and the Artist, too!



## **HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BARKERVILLE AND AREA HISTORY**

### **Across**

1. they use the lodge
4. town cat
7. what was Maloney's
9. name of a gulch
10. bedrock \_\_\_\_
11. an old timer
18. a gold weigh
19. who murdered Blessing
21. type of waterwheel
23. trappers cabin in Barkerville
25. name of canyon
27. who crossed the prairie
29. name of Cameron's wife
30. town named after John Cameron
33. animals used for packing
35. what was the Kafue Coy
36. what would you find at the end of a monitor
37. gulch near Richfield
38. he ran Cottonwood House
39. bed & breakfast house
42. name of creek along Barkerville Highway
44. a restaurant in Barkerville
46. name of canyon
47. miners are looking for this
48. Harry was a Welsh miner & politician
50. Chartres was gold commissioner & is buried in cemetery
54. who was the Barber
55. an Overlander
56. sawmill at Stouts Gulch
58. who wrote "And That's How it Happened"
61. what was Bibby's shop
62. small dugout canal
66. horizontal tunnel
67. hikers walk this mountain
68. notable family of Barkerville
72. another doctor in Barkerville
73. alpine mountain in area
76. Bendixon who
78. gold panning building
79. son of famous explorer buried in cemetery
80. what shop is called Cameron & Ames
81. who ran first drugstore in Barkerville

### **Down**

2. bard of Barkerville
3. small ridges in bottom of sluice to catch gold
5. John Evans title
6. origin of gold
8. Cariboo newspaper
12. type of drill
13. the Forest \_\_\_\_ claim
14. nickname for Edwards
15. famous Judge
16. name of mining claim
17. name of brewery that operated in 1869
20. name of town built up stream from Barkerville
22. what happened in 1868
24. a quartz \_\_\_\_
26. a claim visible from parking lot
28. a pass was named after him
31. who was murdered
32. drinking establishment
34. Barnards Express
37. hydraulic mining claim
40. photography building
41. a bag or sack of gold
43. name of Chinese store
45. who was nicknamed "twelve foot"
47. a creek name
49. a mining claim
51. who was Callanan
52. name of bakery in Barkerville
53. John the carpenter of Barkerville
57. material washed in sluicing that contains gold
59. find him at the waterwheel
60. first person buried in cemetery
63. dancing girls
64. bed & breakfast
65. what was used to reduce ore into fine powder
69. name of hydraulic mining claim
70. a mining claim
71. another cemetery site
74. James the Richfield constable
75. vertical tunnel
77. what creek was Centreville on

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 5**



# HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BARKERVILLE AND AREA HISTORY

