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## HERITAGE AWARDS

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On February 21 the annual Heritage Awards evening was held at St. Andrews Heritage Hall.

Coffee, Tea, juice, and delicious desserts were displayed in a beautiful fashion, which set the tone for celebrating our history and those who help preserve it.

The Master of Ceremonies function was graciously handled by Jim Connor, Chairman of the Heritage Commission. Mayor Gordy Robson was in attendance to hand out the awards. The anticipation in the air made us feel for a moment that we were at the Oscars.

....and the winners are:

### COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORY:

**The Fuller Watson Store**

### YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

**The Museum Club at Alexander Robinson School**

### SHEILA NICKOLS AWARD

FOR COMMUNITY HISTORY AND HISTORY TEACHING:

**School District #42**

### HERITAGE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

FOR HISTORY AND HERITAGE RESEARCH:

**Audrey Swain and Daphne Clowes**

The evening built on past successes and strengths that will make 2008 another year to remember. Congratulations to all the winners!

—Craig Speirs



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# HERITAGE AWARDS 2008

PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS BY MAYOR ROBSON

## **The Fuller Watson Store**

### *Commercial/Institutional category*

First opening on River Road in 1926, the Fuller Watson Store moved up the hill to its present location in 1931. Run for many years by Owen Fuller and Ro Veinotte, the store is still locally owned.

## **The Museum Club**

### **at Alexander Robinson School**

#### *Youth Achievement Award*

This club has been meeting for the past two years to study the school's history, and along the way the young historians solved the mystery of some silver cups through research at the Maple Ridge Museum. The students are busy putting together an archival record for each year into the future, so that their history will be preserved for generations to come.

## **School District #42**

### *Sheila Nickols Award*

#### *for Community History and History Teaching*

The School Board asked each school to preserve its own archival records so that important information will no longer be lost. It has also encouraged the formation of Museum Clubs in individual schools to gather information on the school's history and important artefacts for future students to admire and learn from.

## **Audrey Swain and Daphne Clowes**

### *Heritage Achievement Award for History and Heritage Research.*

You build archival records by a combination of patience, diligence, and keen eye for detail. They have to be painstakingly transcribed, so the information is easy for researchers to access. For the past ten years Audrey Swain and Daphne Clowes have been doing just that by going through past issues of the Gazette recording births, deaths, marriages, new businesses, important events, and catastrophes. Not seeking the limelight, Audrey and Daphne are the stars of heritage research and the foundation that builds an accurate archive. Unless we have an accurate picture of our history we will never be able to imagine a future that includes our past.

— Craig Speirs

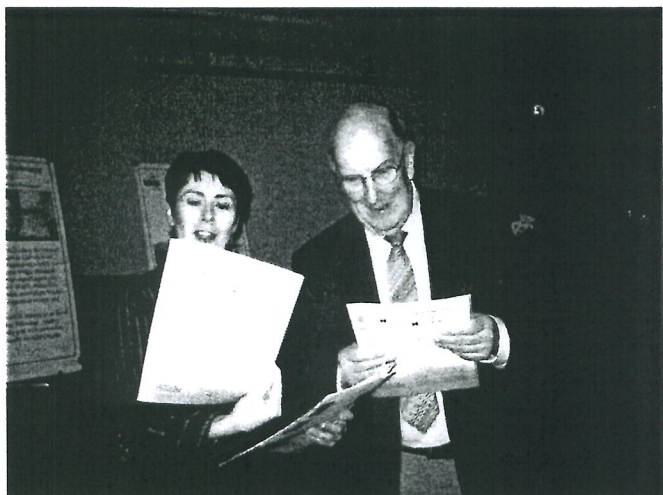




Mayor Gordy Robson presents the Youth Achievement Award, won by the Museum Club at Alexander Robinson School. Vice Principal Leslie Ramsay and Librarian Susanne Hall were on hand to receive the award on behalf of the students.



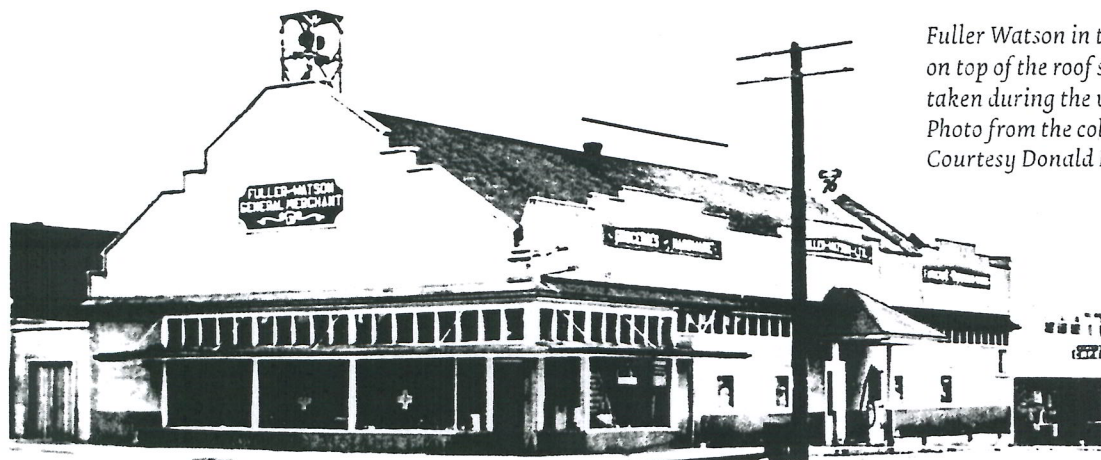
School Trustee Cheryl Ashlie receiving the Sheila Nickols Award for Community History and History Teaching for School District 42. Mayor Gordy Robson is flanked by Cheryl Ashlie (left) and Sheila Nickols.



Lisa Zosiak, Planning Department staff liaison on the CHC, and Jim Connor, CHC Chair and Master of Ceremonies at the Heritage Awards Celebration on February 21.



Audrey Swain (left) and Daphne Clowes with the poster detailing their award for History and Heritage Research.



Fuller Watson in the "good old days." The siren on top of the roof suggests that the picture was taken during the war years. Photo from the collection of Owen Fuller, Courtesy Donald E. Waite.



## MEET THE COMMISSIONERS (continued from last issue)

**Helmi Braches** is a writer, editor, and translator with a Master's degree in linguistics. She loves cooking Indonesian food, travelling in South America, and learning everything about animals. She and her husband Fred have lived in Whonnock for 23 years. This is Helmi's second two-year term on the CHC. She thinks understanding the history of a place is important for planning for its future.

**Sarah Hossack** has been a resident of Maple Ridge for 29 years and is a great-great-granddaughter of John and Ida Lucy Jackson, from Jackson Farm in Albion. Sarah graduated from the Bachelor of Arts program at the University College of the Fraser Valley with a major in history and a minor in sociology in 2006. She also acted as the Volunteer Coordinator at Haney House from 1998 to 2001, training and scheduling volunteers.

**John McCormick** has had a varied career starting out apprenticing and working in the restoration field as a carpenter in the historic districts of Ottawa. In the 1990s John completed his Bachelor of Architecture at the University of British Columbia and interned with Western Canada's only First Nations Architecture Firm.

Working on several first nations cultural centres in BC was good training for his move to Parks Canada in 1998. Since that time John has worked as a historic sites planner with many Aboriginal groups and heritage organizations in Western and Northern Canada.

John is currently a certification agent with the Historic Places Initiative as well as being BC's and Northern Canada's coordinator for the Federal Heritage Building Review Office. John and his family of four have been very happy to call Maple Ridge home since 1998.

Councillor **Craig Speirs** is the liaison with the municipal council and is committed to making our community a better place by growing in ways that respect and sustain our social, natural, and economic environments.

Craig, an environmental and social activist, has been a resident of Maple Ridge since 1973 and has been married for over 20 years to Diane. He has two children, Adlayna and Rory, and is currently retired after 34 years with the Liquor Distribution Branch.

He is the past director of the Ridge-Meadows Recycling Society and the Fraser Information Society, and the past chair of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Fundraising Committee for BC's Children's Hospital. For his work on these charities Craig has received several awards.

In his spare time, Craig enjoys photography, organic gardening, hiking our fantastic local trails, and is a wine columnist and educator.



Left to right: Helmi Braches, Lynne Probyn, Craig Speirs, Jim Connor, Sheila Nickols, Tracy Camire, Lisa Zosiak.



## Events + Projects

### HAMMOND: HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOOD

On Saturday, June 14th between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 pm the Commission will unveil a plaque to recognize the historic community of Hammond.

In addition we have arranged for three roadside signs to be placed at strategic entry points.

The ceremony will take place at Hammond Park located between 114 Ave and Lorne Ave on Waresley St.

All are invited to attend, especially those living in the Hammond area.

