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COMMISSIONERS ATTEND WORKSHOP

On Friday, February 20th, seven members of the Commission attended a workshop entitled "Conservation Planning: a values-based approach."

The workshop was sponsored by SFU Continuing Studies and the Heritage Branch, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and the Arts. One of four speakers at the workshop was world-renowned Kate Clark, who has worked in many aspects of the heritage conservation field.

The following workshop objectives were intended to help participants:

- ◇ Learn the key elements of the heritage conservation planning process;
- ◇ Understand how conservation planning can be a fully integrated values-based approach to conservation;
- ◇ Explore how to assess the core vulnerabilities that impact the retention of significance;
- ◇ Develop effective and practical policies and strategies for the effective stewardship of historic places, including the application of *Standards and guidelines for conservation of historic places in Canada*;
- ◇ Case studies from international and local sources.

This workshop was very timely and valuable as it related well to the on-going work of the Commission.

— Jim Connor



The "Buckerfield House," Heritage Building Award, 2009.

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2009 HERITAGE AWARDS

At a well attended ceremony on 19 February, the 2009 Maple Ridge Heritage Awards were presented in St. Andrew's Heritage Church.

Winner of the award for History and Heritage Research and Publication was DON WAITE for his recently published book *Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows: A History in Photographs*. Waite, who has also been inducted into the Maple Ridge Hall of Fame, is well known in the community as a photographer, but he also published several smaller books on historical subjects and in the 1970s interviewed long-time residents. He combined some of these interviews as well as the result of other research with a unique selection of historical photographs, meticulously digitally reworked, to produce this recent coffee table-format book, which has been a great success in the community.

An award for Special Contributor to Heritage Conservation was given to WAYNE MCKEAN, co-proprietor of Haney Iron Works. Since 1958 the enterprise served the needs of local and regional businesses and employed up to 60 staff members. Although the company ceased operations in 2008, Wayne McKean and Haney Iron Works were recognized for assisting with countless heritage and community projects, including the painting and restoration of St. Andrew's Heritage Church.

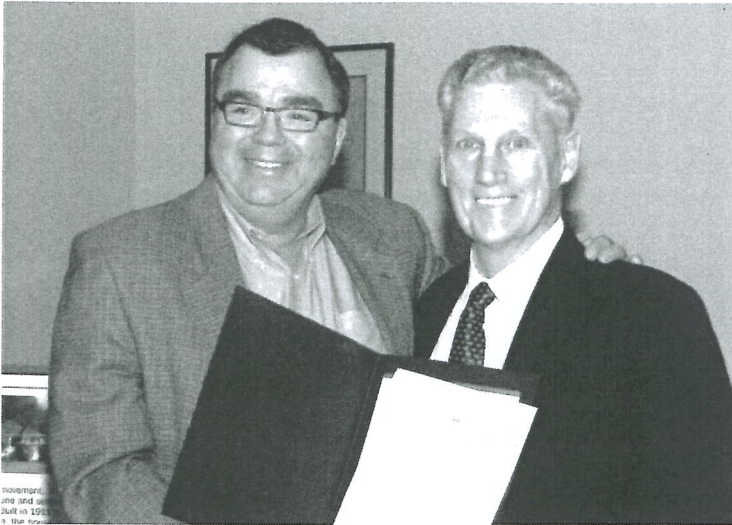
PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES were the recipient of this year's Heritage Landscape award for their work in preserving the natural landscape at Maple Ridge Golf Course. Guided by conservation principles, landscape staff in the Parks and Leisure Department have sustained the long grove of maple trees along the banks of the Fraser River where local pioneer John McIvor began farming in 1859.

The winners in the category Heritage Building were THEO AND RENATE RATHONYI-REUSZ for their home at 12292 - 216th Street, the former Buckerfield residence. The house was built between 1910 and 1913 and is a testimony to the agriculture and farming roots of our community. Despite some enlarging and updating, the present owners have managed to do all this work in a manner that was sensitive to the original character of the house, using similar materials, colour scheme, and design features. [Thus the early roots of the house and property continue to enhance the character of the site and the surrounding neighbourhood.]

Two Honourable Mentions were also awarded in the category Heritage Building: to GREG LEINO for his home at 25302 Dewdney Trunk Road, built in 1911 by the Finnish settler Arvo Skytte, and to GERALD AND NADINE ANDREWS for their home at 26809 - 96th Avenue in Whonnock. The latter dates back to the late 1800s and was the original residence of Richard Sydney Whiting, Post Master at Whonnock from 1907 to 1953.

Refreshments rounded out the awards evening, and entertainment was provided by the Robinaires, an almost historical duo who have been playing and singing in town for the last 20 years.

— Helmi Braches



Don Waite receiving his award certificate from Mayor Daykin.



David Boag: on behalf of Parks and Leisure Services.



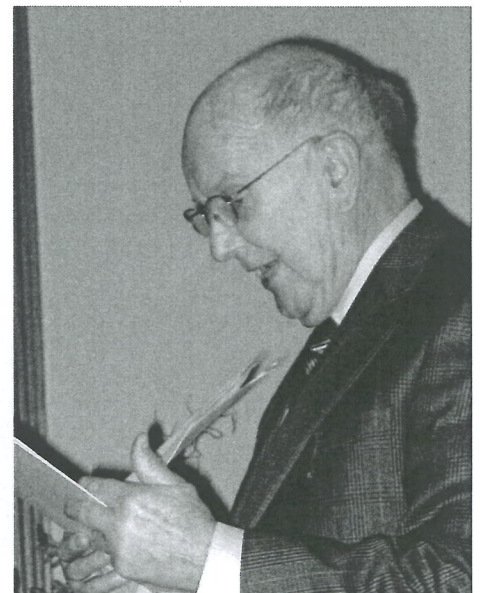
Honourary mention: Gerald and Nadine Andrews.



Wayne McKean, Haney Iron Works.



Honourary Mention: Greg Leino.



Jim Connor, master of ceremonies.

MEET THE COMMISSIONERS



IRENA MOHR, originally from Winnipeg Manitoba, has lived in British Columbia for the last 25 years and has been a resident of Maple Ridge since 1991.

In addition to raising her two wonderful children she had a 20-year career in finance, managing estate and trust portfolios, and since 1989 has pursued her abiding interest in Art through studies at Emily Carr University of Art and Design. Her paintings have been exhibited in several galleries around the Lower Mainland and are held in a number of private collections.

Since 2004 she has owned and operated Ba'Bilia book shop located in the 'heart' of Maple Ridge bringing her in direct contact with the community and stimulating her interest in the history, culture and heritage of Maple Ridge.

Recently appointed to the Community Heritage Commission, **MICHAEL COOK** has lived in Maple Ridge for the last 19 years with his wife Monique (local Nurse) and his children Alana and Alexander.

Michael is a high school teacher and for the last 23 years he has taught Social Studies and English in Coquitlam. Currently, he teaches Honours English and Social Studies, Ancient History, and First Nations 12 at Pinetree Secondary.

Michael received a Bachelor of Education from SFU in 1987 with Minors in Geography, History, and Education. The Geography Minor specialized in Cultural Geography with a Heritage focus. In addition, Michael completed a Baccalaureate Diploma in Humanities from SFU in 1991, and a Masters of Education in Curriculum Design and Instruction from UBC in 2000.



Events + Projects

The CHC is currently working toward hosting a conference for community heritage commissions in November this year in Maple Ridge, similar to the one attended by several of our members last year in Mission.

The theme for the conference is still being considered, but doubtless it will have something to do with developing communication tools and managing digital records.

Watch for updates in future issues of *Heritage Here!*