



REMEMBERING NURSES WHO SERVED IN WWI

BY GLENNIS ZILM AND ETHEL WARBINEK

As we continue to mark the 100th anniversary years of World War I, we recognize the contributions of Canada's and BC's nurses in what was then hoped to be "the war to end all wars." During the four years, according to Cynthia Toman, who has a new book out about Canada's WW 1 Nursing Sisters, about 2,850 Canadian nurses signed on and served, some in veterans hospitals in Canada, but most of them overseas. Of these, 85 were married; their average age was 29. In the 1920s, a listing showing 47 Canadian Nurses who died in the line of duty; historian researchers now give much larger numbers for the nurses who died, stressing that at least 76 including those who died from malaria and the global epidemic of Spanish flu that followed the signing of the armistice.

Ann Cavers, a long-time instructor at VGH, wrote an excellent history of the School in 1949, and she listed 54 VGH graduates who served. They nursed in or near terrible battle areas in France, Belgium, Russia, Greece (at least 18 of the VGH grads served in the dreadful conditions in Salonika and Lemnos), Galipoli, Egypt, and Malta, as well in base hospitals in England, on the hospital ships, and at veterans' hospitals in Canada.

This "Great War" illustrated just how advances in new military technology far out-stripped new medical technologies. At the beginning of the war, German technology was far advanced over that of the Allied forces, with new and better "killing machines"

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SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME.

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Glennis Zilm – honoured at June 22 meeting.

Glennis, a founding member, is moving to Campbell River in early July. She was honoured at our meeting on June 22nd for her years of dedication to our Society and for her enthusiasm in promoting nursing history at scores of events over countless years. She promises to keep in touch with us and will continue to respond to enquiries through our website.

She will be sorely missed by all her local friends and colleagues and will be warmly welcomed by history groups on the Island.



EDITOR'S DESK

ETHEL WARBINEK

In the media this year, much has been written about Canada's contribution to the war efforts of WW1 and the great sacrifices of Canadian soldiers, airmen and sailors. Not as much has been written about the numerous Canadian nurses who signed up and went overseas as part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. We have included an article titled "Remembering Nurses who served in WW 1" as a tribute to these nurses, some of whom lost their lives. It includes information on BC nurses and especially on Eden Pringle, a Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing graduate, who died in 1918 in a tragic bombing raid.

Also included in this issue are the Society's annual reports which provide insight into the hard work of the various Directors and committee chairs.

In 2017, HoN members, Sally Thorne and Glennis Zilm received prestigious awards and we congratulate them on their achievements.

A brief article on Five generations of Nurses by Elizabeth (Beth) Winnifred Truant is heart warming and inspiring as Beth describes keeping the family legacy of nursing alive in her family.

We will take a summer break and look forward to providing you with our news in the Fall.

Archival Corner

UBC SCHOOL OF NURSING FONDS

A finding aid for records from the UBC School of Nursing has now been posted on our website at bcnursinghistory.ca. This finding aid can be accessed by clicking on the archives tab on the home page and from there to archival fonds.

Beginning in October 1919, UBC was the first university in the British Empire to offer a degree program in nursing. This extensive collection, dating from 1921 to 2004, comprises nineteen boxes of records that illuminate much of this history, complementing materials already in the UBC Archives. Records include extensive information on the operations of programs and courses presented, and issues associated with the development of the School. A number of transcriptions of taped interviews by Beth McCann in the 1980s provide other historical perspectives.

Use of these records is open to all. Phone or e-mail if you wish to make an appointment.



REMEMBERING NURSES: CONTINUED FROM COVER ...

with new guns such as the “trench mortars” (causing death and shell shock that devastated British and Canadian troops), U-boats, submarines, and torpedos, airplanes that carried bombs, and nerve and mustard gasses. Allied forces played “catch-up” with military technology, and also were forced to improvise and improve their battlefield medical care. Among some of the major improvements in medical care were better field hospitals (based on the tent field hospitals introduced in Canada during the 1885 North West campaign), motorized ambulances, triage in battle areas and field hospitals, inoculations and new tetanus shots (in a war where horses were still common), and better use of anesthetics (ether, chloroform).

Two VGH grads were killed in action. Eleanor Charles, a 1913 graduate, died in the sinking of the British ocean liner, the RMS Lusitania, May 7, 1915; she was one of many nurses on her way to join up in Britain. The liner was torpedoed by a German U-boat, killing 1,198 and leaving only 761 survivors and Eden Lyal Pringle, a 1915 graduate who died in France in 1918.

Eden was born in Glasgow, Scotland September 4, 1893. She worked in the operating room at VGH prior to joining the Canadian Army Medical Corps in May 1917 to serve in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force. After a short period in England, she arrived in France and was assigned to the No 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital at Doullens in Northern France, situated in an old fortress dating back to the 15th century. Large red crosses

were painted on all the roofs. It was surrounded by fields and was used for hospital purposes alone. From March 21 to July 10 1918, 93,000 casualties were treated there.

At 1 a.m. on the night of the May 30th 1918, an enemy raid began with a flare and a bomb and the four-story hospital, got a direct hit – right in the centre of a red cross painted on the roof. The bomb went through to the ground floor, where one team was still at work operating on a British officer. All OR staff met their deaths instantaneously. Two surgeons, three nursing sisters, including Eden Pringle, four patients and 16 orderlies were killed; a sister and 13 other ranks were wounded. To add to the horror, fire broke out and threatened to add to the number of victims. The hospital nurses displayed strict devotion to duty, staying at their posts till every patient had been evacuated from the wards. While the rescue was in progress, the German planes returned and dropped more bombs, but did not cause further damage.

A large number of British soldiers arrived quickly as well as French infantry who provided assistance in putting out the fires – fortunately no lives were lost from the fire.

A military cemetery near the hospital was transformed into a pretty bed of flowers on June 30th when the personnel of the No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital, joined by every nation in the Allied Armies and all colonies of the British Empire, and hundreds of civilians, decorated the graves of the Canadians who gave



L'HOPITAL CANADIEN DE LA CITADELLE DETRUIT, LE 30 MAI 1918, PAR UNE TORPILLE.

Le personnel de l'hôpital rassemblé après l'incendie. A. LENGLET, dans son opuscule "les semaines tragiques de Doullens, en 1918" précise que 23 soldats, 2 médecins et 3 infirmières périrent dans le sinistre.

their lives for their country. In this cemetery, the remains of the officers, sisters and others who lost their lives in the bombing raid are interred. The graves are all marked with a wooden cross, on which are the full particulars of the deceased stamped in a maple leaf of copper.

Eden received the British War Medal and Victory Medal

Among other VGH nurses who served overseas was Emily Edwards, class of 1904; she later married Major J.S. Mathews, founder of the Vancouver City Archives, who commissioned a bronze bust of his wife, which is now housed in the Vancouver City Archives. A ward at VGH, now long gone, was named for N/S Pringle as a memorial; she was featured in a "Heritage Minute" (tv spot) released in May 2015. A memorial stained glass window in honour of Vancouver nurses who served in WW1 can be seen at Canadian Memorial United Church in Vancouver BC.

A more important memorial to their efforts may be in the way that they changed women's roles in society. In Canada in 1917, the right to vote was extended to all British subjects, male or female, who were active or retired members of the Armed Forces; that December about 2,000 military nurses voted, the first time Canadian women voted at the federal level. And the first woman to be elected to a legislature anywhere in the British Empire was Roberta MacAdams (in Alberta).

NOTES ON EDEN PRINGLE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA

This article was published in the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association newsletter, Spring 2017.

A new memorial honoring WW1 Nursing Sisters has been erected in Greece by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) at the request of the Canadian government. The memorial honours Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, and British nurses who died while stationed on the Greek Island of Lemnos where they treated thousands of sick and wounded Allied soldiers. The graves of two Canadian nurses – Matron Jessie Jaggard and Nursing Sister Mary Frances Munro were laid to rest on Lemnos in 1915 after succumbing to dysentery. The two Canadian nurses are buried at the Portianos Military Cemetery at Portianos, Lemnos, where the new memorial plaque is located.

Source: Legion Magazine, March 8, 2016 by Tom MacGregor

For more information, and photographs of the Memorial, go to

- <https://legionmagazine.com/en/2016/03/new-memorial-honours-first-world-war-nurses/>
- and to
- http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/greece-grece/eyes_abroad-coupdoeil/fallen_nurses-infirmieres_tombees.aspx?lang=eng

Canadian nursing sisters, including many from BC, were stationed in Greece during the terrible campaigns at Gallipoli and Salonika. Heat, poor sanitation, and lack of proper nourishment took its toll on the medical staff and nursing staff as well as on their patients. Two books, *War-torn exchanges* by Andrea McKenzie and *Battlefront Nurses in WW1* by Maureen Duffus, detail the stories of some of the BC-related nurses; both these authors consulted BCHNS Archives sources and talked with members during their research.



BC Historical Federation (BCHF) Annual Conference

May 25 to May 28, 2017 – Chilliwack, B.C.

BY NAN MARTIN

The theme of the 2017 Annual Conference in Chilliwack was “Land, Water, People.” As President Jane Watt stated in her Welcome note, The Chilliwack Museum and Historical Society hosts – and a dedicated team of organizers stepped up to create a memorable weekend.

Glennis Zilm and I attended the full three-day conference, starting off on Thursday at the Pre-Conference Workshops that included an Archives Bootcamp and an Advocacy workshop followed by the Opening Reception in the beautiful Chilliwack Museum.

President Kathy Murphy joined us on Friday; she was also representing VGH Alumnae.

The day, including a poignant welcome from two band members from the Stó:lō Nation, commenced with a Keynote Address by Dr. Gwen Point, Chancellor of the University of the Fraser Valley. She spoke of the act of reconciliation that begins by sharing the recent history of those who were wronged whether it was by the anti-potlatch laws that were imposed or the residential schools era. She reminded us of Nelson Mandela’s words from his presidential acceptance speech, “The time for the healing of wounds has come. The moment to bridge the chasms that divide us has come. The time to build is upon us.”

Concurrent lectures were offered with speakers sharing their expertise in areas such as Sites of Decolonization: Sikh Heritage Museum and Flood Management in the Lower Fraser Valley. The afternoon offered bus tours including one to the Heritage Hops and Beer Tour!

Friday evening at the museum was spent with the artists David Campion and Sandra Sheilds who presented their exhibition Grand Theft Terra Firma: Stories of (Re)conciliation. This was a thought provoking presentation and we were honoured to have The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of BC in attendance.

Saturday morning was spent at the Annual General meeting where I presented a “One Minute” report on the activities of our society. My full one-page report was also on view for members. Our BC History of Nursing Society is always held in high regard by the Federation.

The Book Fair Social and Lunch was held at the historic Royal Hotel followed by concurrent field trips such as an Historic Riverboat Landing Tour and The Architecture of Thomas Hooper, architect of the Chilliwack Museum, a National Historic Site.

The BCHF Book Prize Awards Gala was held on Saturday evening in the Coast Hotel. The BC Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for historical writing & \$2,500 was awarded to Anthony Kenyon for The Recorded History of the Laird Basin 1790-1910. Fort Nelson News designed by Bill Glasgow. And! ***Our own Glennis Zilm received a Certificate of Appreciation for her service to the BCHF Advocacy Committee.***

To view photos and find more information, please view the BCHF website: www.bchistory.ca

The destination for the 2018 Annual Conference is Nakusp and Arrow Lakes.



Five Generations of Nurses

by Elizabeth (Beth) Winnifred Truant

I come from a long line of 5 generations of nurses. My great aunt, Ada Mary (Law) Cooper, trained as a nurse and midwife in London England in the late 1800s. My mother, Winifred Mather (Lowe) Uttke, trained as a nurse at the Vernon Jubilee Hospital, graduating in 1924. She then did private duty in Vancouver and went to San Francisco before returning home. She helped a lot of people medically and said her nurses training was absolutely critical to looking after us as babies out on the farm. She became an afternoon/evening RN supervisor at the Vernon Hospital. In 1989, I interviewed my mother and the recording is in the HoN Society Archives.

During the summer months I worked as a nurse's aide while in grade 12 and 13 before going into training at the Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops BC, graduating in 1958. I also received a BSN from UBC in 1975 and worked as a PHN at the West Kootney Health Unit for over 20 years. Following in my footsteps, as registered nurses are my daughter, Valerie Pitman, a PHN with Interior Health Authority in Trail, BC, and my granddaughter, Anastasis Aitken. It's a great thrill for me to see the legacy of caring, helping and healing being passed down through the generations; the profession continues on. I hope I've played a part in their choosing nursing as a career.

Written permission from Beth for this information to be shared from her HoN biographical Information Profile dated 2014.



MEMBER NEWS

Sally Thorne named to 2017 Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame, March 07, 2017

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, has announced UBC School of Nursing professor Dr. Sally Thorne has been named to the Hall of Fame.

Over the past three decades, Dr. Thorne has published 128 papers in peer reviewed journals as well as 27 book chapters, 57 invited commentaries and editorials, 56 non refereed papers and reports. Lauded for her major contributions to nursing research that has shaped the face of qualitative research internationally, Dr. Sally Thorne will be inducted into the 2017 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame on July 29, 2017 during the 28th International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin, Ireland.

Sally also received an Honorary Doctorate from Laval University in June 2017

Congratulations Sally!

B.C. HISTORY OF NURSING SOCIETY



B.C. History of Nursing Society 2016 Annual Reports

The following reports were presented at the Annual Meeting on April 13, 2017. Due to space restrictions, some reports may have been edited. If you wish to see the entire report, please contact us or the committee chair.



O.1 President's Report – by: Kathy Murphy, President

Since our last Annual General Meeting, this group successfully completed 26 years of operation. Due to a change in the BC Societies Act, the group reviewed the current Bylaws and revised them using the suggested model. The motion to accept this change will be made at the Annual General Meeting.

The BC History of Nursing Society was pleased to help sponsor and assist in the CAHN Conference held June 16-18/16 at St. Paul's Hospital and the Century Plaza Hotel. The dynamic leadership of members Geertje Boschma and Catherine Haney resulted in a stimulating and enjoyable meeting where thirty-two papers addressed the theme "Brains, Guts and Gumption: Historical Perspectives on Nursing Education, Practice and Entrepreneurship". With registrants coming from New Zealand, Australia, the USA, Spain, England and several Canadian provinces, conversations addressed many topics.

The Book Sale of deaccessioned books from the former RNABC library was managed by Glennis Zilm. An innovative Book Launch session was also held where 11 books were described.

In November, I was pleased to attend the 100th birthday of Jessie Middleton with Nan Martin in Langley. Jessie is a graduate of Royal Columbian Hospital and her granddaughter ensured that the various aspects of her interesting career and family life were displayed.

On November 17, 2016, Lenore Radom and I attended the 2016 Nursing Awards of Excellence at The Wall Centre. This was the first time that all members of the Nursing Alliance were involved. They included: ARNBC, ARPNBC, BCNPA, LPNABC and the NECBC. Joan Doree was honoured as the Memorial Book Inductee.

As will be noted by the Chairs of the various committees, the work of this organization continues to meet the original purposes set out in our Constitution and Bylaws. As with many organizations the need for more volunteers is urgently required. Sincere appreciation is extended to all who carry out the work of this significant organization.

O2. Treasurer's Report – by: Sue Forshaw, Treasurer

The financial status of the History of Nursing is very stable. Membership went up slightly from 2015 and donations went down approximately \$955.00 from last year.

The following activities are complete or will be before the end May:

- 2016 BCHoN Income Tax
- 2016 BCHoN Financial Statement
- 2016 financial review done by Wendy Orvig (paid consultant)
- 2016 T4A tax forms filed with the CRA and scholarship recipients have received the short T4A-

their income tax returns

- Two scholarships of \$1,000.00 each were awarded.
- The bank account was \$2,765.15 as of the end of December 2016.
- The investment total was \$103,367.00 as of the end of December 2016.
- The 2017 budget has been presented for approval at the annual meeting.



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03. Archives – by: Nan Martin, Chair

Members: Ethel Warbinek (oral histories and biographies), our excellent archivist, Francis Mansbridge and Nan Martin (Chair)

From April 2016 through March 2017, the major activities of the Archives committee include:

- Regular monthly committee meetings, including May meeting at VGH School of Nursing Alumnae where Ethel gave us a tour of their very impressive collection of archival documents and artifacts.
- Francis’ five-year contract expired at the end of June. Ethel and I thanked him on behalf of our society for his excellent work during that time. Pleased to report that Francis will stay on but do less hours – 20 hours per month.
- Marjory Ralston (six years in archives) resigned in September. We thank Marjory for her dedication and commitment to the management of our society’s archival materials.
- The Artifacts finding aid has been completed and filed. Our artifacts collection consists of approximately 200 items. Archival items were loaned out for events at Lions Gate Hospital and Selkirk College.
- Our photographer completed two books of a photograph collection of our archives and artifacts. One copy is filed in our Reference section and the other used for displays.
- Ethel, Francis and I were pleased to attend the official launch of our new website on October 13, 2016.
- Francis and Ethel continue the extensive work on the oral history files and a complete overhaul of the biographical files has been almost completed. Francis has carried out office and administrative activities as well as responding to queries from researchers. Ethel and Glennis Zilm also give of their time to respond to researchers.

0.4. Biographical – by: Ethel Warbinek, Chair

All of our biographical files have been reviewed and are gradually being posted on our website along with available photographs and summaries. New biographies and additional information on existing files continue to be added to the collection. Take a moment to visit our website and view the posted biographies.



05. Oral History – by: Ethel Warbinek, Chair

Francis Mansbridge has completed summarizing our oral history recordings. There are 210 in this collection and they will be posted on our website. In July, 15 cassette tapes were given to UBC Archives to be saved on a USB flash drive. We appreciate their generous assistance with this project. It has been recommended we no longer save our interviews on CDs but use the new technology – USBs.

Work is continuing on reviewing all of the cassette tapes in our collection to determine suitability to be saved on USB flash drives. As this proceeds, the selected ones are being saved on flash drives and can be downloaded on our computer. This provides easier access to these recordings for those pursuing research.

06. Nominations – by: Jackie Ratzlaff

The following Directors were elected for a one-year term ending after the Annual General Meeting in 2018.

- President Kathy Murphy
- Vice President Sally MacLean
- Secretary Lynne Esson
- Treasurer Sue Forshaw



07. Newsletter – by: Lynne Esson, Chair

Members: Beth Fitzpatrick, Ethel Warbinek, Naomi Miller, Sheila Zerr, Lenore Radom and Glennis Zilm
Meetings: At the call of the chairperson, few meetings were held and mostly by email.

Committee Activities:

Three full issues of the history of nursing newsletter were published in 2016. All issues were guided by Anita Petersen's design and graphics. We thank Sue Forshaw for her assistance with labels and membership lists. Also thanks to Lenore Radom who works with the printer and facilitates the mailing of newsletters for those who do not have e-mail and Lynne Esson who sends out the newsletters electronically.

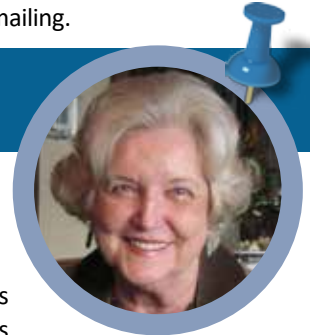
Editors for 2016

- Winter Membership renewal/Presidents message mailed out by Lenore Radom
- Spring: Beth Fitzpatrick
- Summer: Ethel Warbinek
- Fall: Sheila Zerr and Hrag David Yacoubian

Future Plans:

We will continue to issue 3 newsletters per year with the winter issue being replaced by a special membership mailing.

08. Pages of History – by: Sheila Zerr, Chair and Lenore Radom



PAGES TO DATE

There are 93 pages of history, 80 hard copies and 13 on the website.

There are three sets (three albums each) of display albums. One set is used for History of Nursing displays and is held in the archives. One set is kept by Lenore Radom. This set will be used for requests by family and researchers for a scan of a page of history. The third set will be held by Sheila Zerr as the archival album. New pages will be added as they are completed. The archival albums will hold the consent form for each page as well as the committee reports and material relevant to the pages of history project.

There are several pages of history under development. We continue to work on the pages for executive members past and present. Also, we have had suggestions put forward by members to develop pages on Joan Doree, Beatrice McNair and Millie Daggitt. We need the consent of family members to place these pages on the website and this creates hurdles that we often cannot overcome.

Recommendations

1. We will continue to work on the pages of history currently under development.
2. Lenore has placed a complete list of the names listed in the 3 albums on the website.

For those interested in researching a page of history from those albums...go to Online Exhibit, click onto Pages of History , on the left side of menu bar, click onto "Nurses Honoured 1998 -2011"



09. PROGRAM – by: Lenore Radom

In June the BCHNS was a sponsor for CAHN. We provided the post opening reception. The launch of our new website at the October meeting provided an opportunity for us to celebrate with a pot-luck supper and cake as well as Ethel's Birthday. Since then we have not been able to have any students commit to presenting their papers at a meeting nor any other presentation suggestions.

This AGM will provide for a supper and an event presentation of Honourary membership status for Ethel Warbinek



10. Membership – by: Suzanne Forshaw

The membership went up slightly from 2015.

2015 numbers:

Full Members:	52	Affiliate Members:	12
Student Members:	9	Honorary Members:	6

Total : 79 One died in 2015

2016 numbers:

Full Members:	53	Affiliate Members:	11
Student Members:	12	Honorary Members:	6

Total : 82 Three died in 2016



11 . Parks Canada Nominations – by: Nan Martin

ETHEL JOHNS (1879 - 1968)

From my report last year and the year before, you know that Ethel Johns, first Director of the UBC School of Nursing, was honoured by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, Parks Canada, as a “Person of National Historic Significance.”

A recognition ceremony was held on February 10, 2015 at Cecil Green Park at UBC. The bronze plaquhas not yet been mounted. With renovations to the patient park near the Acute Care Hospital Pavilion now completed, UBC School of Nursing will work with Parks Canada to arrange mounting of the plaque. Please check the Blog on our website www.bcnursinghistory.ca for further information of when this event will take place.

CANADA’S MILITARY NURSES AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC EVENT.

Nominated August 2010 by Canadian Association for the History of Nursing with the support of BCHNS. Glennis Zilm wrote the proposal on behalf of CAHN and BCHNS. No further news to date.

Lydia Wytenbroeck, President of CAHN and a member of our society, wrote to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board to remind them of the nomination from CAHN endorsed by our society. No response so far.



13. Website – by: Lenore Radom , Chair

Members: Beth Fitzpatrick and Jennifer Stephens

The new website was launched in October 2016 when Anita Petersen from Technica gave an overview of what the website is able to do and how the Word Press program is easier to add and update. Since this time Beth and I have been tutored by Anita personally and with videos she created for us to review. We are now able to update as events occur and are preparing a list of things we need to add. The old blog was transferred over to the new one. Even though it doesn’t completely match or fit, it provides a great historical calendar of our ‘happenings’. Jennifer keeps Facebook and Twitter updated. The finally payment for the new website was submitted for \$2,625.00 on March 2, 2017

14. Memorial Book – by: Lynne Esson, Chair

During the year (2016), the History of Nursing Society either initiated or assisted with one nomination for the ARNBC. There were no nominations for the CNA Memorial book.

This year the nominee for the ARNBC Memorial Book was: Joan Florence Alice Doree (January 18, 1919 - February 26, 2016) Joan was recognized during the ARNBC Awards Ceremony in the fall 2016.

If you know of or hear of someone who should be nominated please let the Chair of the Committee know.



15. BC Historical Federation – by: Nan Martin



The 2016 activities of the Federation include:

Publication of the BCHF quarterly British Columbia History Magazines and Newsletters. The Newsletters were sent electronically to our secretary, Lynne Esson, then forwarded to our on-line members, thus reaching out to more readers. The Newsletter is also available on their website and is well worth viewing.

Our society pays an annual fee of \$75 as a member society of BCHF. Johnson Inc., a corporate member and partner continues to support the Federation with special member rates for Medoc travel insurance and home insurance therefore our members are eligible for coverage.

Glennis Zilm and I attended the 2016 BCHF Annual Conference in historic Revelstoke (May 26 - 28) and enjoyed a well organized and fun conference. The 2017 Annual Conference is in Chilliwack May 25 - 28, 2017.

16. Displays by: Cheryl Entwistle, Chair

Members: Catherine Haney, Nan Martin, Jackie Ratzlaff



The display committee fulfilled the requests for displays at a variety of gatherings as follows:

1. April 13, 2016, "The Military Life of June Newton" Display in the UBC Cabinet - display items loaned by daughter Joanne Wakelaw
2. May 4, 2016 Graduate Students Nursing Association Symposium held at UBC School of Nursing
3. May 10, 2016 Community Health Conference during Nursing Week at Van Dusen Gardens
4. May 12, 2016. Nursing Week at VGH in Sassafras Cafeteria - joint display BCHNS and VGH School of Nursing Alumnae
5. May 19, 2016 Residents of Thornebridge Gardens invited members of BCHNS to attend an afternoon gathering at the lodge. Glennis Zilm and Jackie Ratzlaff attended the event in costume.
6. June 16-18 CAHN Conference held at St. Paul's Hospital
7. June 2016, History of Perioperative Registered Nurses Association of BC in UBC Cabinet organized with Sue Knoll
8. September 25, 2016 Lions Gate Hospital Display - The Great Farewell Commemorating the North Vancouver General Hospital (1929-1961)
9. October 27, 2016 Woodward Lecture and Symposium at Robson Square Lecture Hall
10. November 2016, Remembrance Day Display in UBC School of Nursing Cabinet
11. January 10-February 28, 2017 The Riverview Hospital Suitcase Project by Anna Tremare
12. March 1- April 10, 2017 "Origins in Research in Canadian Nursing 1930" - C. Haney and G. Boschma
13. March 2, 2017, the fourth Nursing History Symposium
14. April 10, 2017, Rearrangement of Collectible Dolls donated by Sheila Zerr

Selection of small dolls from the large (upright) case at UBC were put on display in long glass cabinet. The 16 (large) dolls were put on display in the larger upright case.

A special thanks to those who helped make the above displays possible.

New BCHNS signs ordered for displays boards and cabinets.

Books of Interest

Historically-Informed Nursing: The Untapped Potential of History in Nursing Education

by Sonya Grypma PhD, RN, Dean & Professor, School of Nursing, Trinity Western University

Abstract

For much of the 20th century, nursing history was a core component of nursing education. However, nursing history has all but disappeared from the curriculum. In an effort to prepare nurses for a rapidly-evolving health care system, nursing educators emphasize the value of new, evidence-informed knowledge—specifically in the form of literature published within the previous five years. The focus on the 'cutting edge' has effectively, if inadvertently, severed nursing from its roots. As a result, nurses have become disconnected from the richness embedded in our nursing past – a history that spans four centuries in Canada. This article makes a case for historically-informed nursing as an area of untapped potential in nursing education. Framing the topic around the headings History as Innovation, Education, Evidence and Explanation it concludes that historically-informed nursing shapes who we are and informs our identity – and that now is a perfect time for nurse educators to take advantage of what nursing history has to offer.

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It can be downloaded here: <http://qane-afi.casn.ca/journal/vol3/iss1/2/>

Emily Patterson: The Heroic Life of a Milltown Nurse

Lisa Smith a Vancouver writer, is currently putting the finishing touches on a book about Emily Patterson: *The Heroic Life of a Milltown Nurse*, due for release this fall by Ronsdale Press. Emily, although untrained, was regarded as the first nurse on Burrard Inlet. We have a biographical file on Emily Patterson in our archive and are looking forward to this publication by Lisa.

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MILLTOWN NURSE
Lisa Anne Smith

When Emily Patterson arrives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and children in 1862, she finds herself worlds away from Bath, Maine, the staunchly pious township of her birth. Up the remote reaches of Vancouver Island's Alberni Canal, Emily learns much about self-reliance in a fledgling milltown where pioneer loggers and the native Tsechilt community share an often tempestuous co-existence. In search of their ideal homestead, the Pattersons next travel to Oregon's fertile Willamette and Columbia River regions, confronting both joy and tragedy along the way. After many years, their quest finally leads them to Burrard Inlet, where the sawmilling communities of Hastings Mill and Moodyville duel for lumber supremacy. Emily gains wide recognition amidst the hard-living mill workers for her extraordinary nursing skills, self-taught from sheer necessity over the course of her nomadic life. In a time when the nearest doctor is several hours of travel away, Emily is called upon day or night to deal with any medical situation, be it removing a splinter, treating a cough or preparing a body for burial.

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Nurse Uniforms: What's in Your Closet?

Looking Back, Looking Ahead
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Before entering the locker room, a nurse approaches a large vending machine. After swiping his badge, he presses several buttons on a digital screen. He then removes a pair of correctly sized scrubs from a chamber below, ready to be donned for his upcoming shift. Before he is able to access the scrubs dispenser again, however, he will be obliged to return his worn scrubs to the cabinet, thereby maintaining tight control over the hospital's scrubs inventory (Figure 1).

Figure 1. A nurse accesses the ScrubTrak scrub dispensing unit. a. Signing in. b. Removing scrubs. c. Returning scrubs. Image courtesy of ScrubTrak.

Scrubs dispensing cabinets, the latest technology in nursing apparel, are eons away from what the earliest professional nurses had to endure. Those nurses were also their own seamstresses and laundresses, making and laundering their uniforms by hand—a feat almost unimaginable today.



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Milestone date for the vote for women

Taken from: Nightingale Society press release,
May 16, 2017 (for May 20, 2017)

Exactly 150 years ago, on May 20, 1867, John Stuart Mill proposed an amendment in the House of Commons to the Representation of the People Bill, to delete the word “man” and insert the word “person,” which would have given women the vote. His amendment was defeated that same day, 196 votes to 73. It took 51 more years for women to get the vote—in 1918—and only for women 30 or over.

In June 1866, he had introduced a petition for the vote for women signed by Florence Nightingale, mathematician Mary Somerville and 1,495 other women. Many more petitions would follow, plus private members’ bills, then marches and demonstrations. The fight for political equality continues with efforts to increase the number of women in elected bodies. The United Kingdom is in 47th place in the world, with 30% of seats in the House of Commons occupied by women. Canada is 63rd, at 26.3% and the United States is 100th, at 19.3%. For the record all New Zealand women, regardless of landowning or race, got the vote on September 19, 1893.

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