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Dressing Up History: Nursing Uniforms and Professional Identity

Vancouver Island University and B.C. History of Nursing Society
present a parade of past and present nursing costumes

By Lenore Radom & Sheila Rankin Zerr

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On May 12, 2018, Florence Nightingale's birthday, nurses from Vancouver Island University (VIU) and the B.C. History of Nursing Society (BCHNS) gathered in Nanaimo to present a parade of nursing costumes and uniforms. Dr. Cheryl Warsh, Professor of Art History at VIU, invited the members of BCHNS to present the historical parade. Members of the nursing and history

departments of VIU participated in the presentation of costumes and uniforms. Members of the public joined in the gathering and some of those attending presented their nursing uniforms and memorabilia. Glennis Zilm, editor and long standing member of BCHNS, developed the script and power point for the presentation and served as master of ceremonies. *(continued on page 4)*

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newsletter committee

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SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME.

Deadline for the Fall Issue is September 15, 2018.
Please send submissions to: lynne.esson@ubc.ca



Archival Corner

A Salute to the people of Grand Forks.

Grand Forks was established in the late 19th century when copper mining dominated Boundary and Kootenay regions of BC. The city was laid out in 1895 and Grand Forks was officially established as a city on 15 April 1897.

With a bouquet of flowers, we recognize the people of Grand Forks in this Summer newsletter for their courage, strength and commitment in dealing with the severe floods of Spring 2018.

The Nursing pin shown is a Grand Forks Hospital Graduation Pin dated May 16, 1918 donated by Irma Ruth Ingham.

We have no further information about Irma in our archival records. If any of our readers have information, please get in touch with us at: hons.archives@ubc.ca.



NOTE RE: SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

Computer glitches affected the article "A Training School for Nurses at Fernie Hospital" on pages 1, 4, and 5 of the BC History of Nursing Society Newsletter, Spring 2018 issue. The superscript numerals indicating the location of the footnotes went missing into cyberspace and the italic fonts in the footnotes appeared in non-italic type. The authors deeply regret this. If you would like to receive a PDF copy showing the original article (without these two faults), please get in touch with author Irene Goldstone at irene.goldstone@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KATHY MURPHY



The BCHNS website is revised regularly so it is worth checking it to keep track of our activities.

Please visit
www.bcnursinghistory.ca.

The tenth Annual General Meeting of the BC History of Nursing Society was held Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the CRNBC. This group commenced as the BC History of Nursing Professional Practice Group in 1990. The annual reports were received and the group recognized that this will be the last time that Ethel Warbinek will be attending an AGM in person due to her move to the Okanagan. We will definitely miss her amazing contributions to this group and look forward to connecting via technology in the future.

Several members of the BCHNS attended the annual conference of the Canadian Association of the History of Nursing in Halifax in June. The theme was "Tracing Nurses' Footsteps: Nursing and the Tides of Change". Over 3 very full days, the delegates heard 32 research papers on a variety of subjects, viewed interesting displays, enjoyed wonderful food and entertainment and were able to walk through the Public Gardens and tour the area. Hosted by the Nursing History Nova Scotia Society, the delegates from Scotland, Brazil, Norway, Germany, the USA and many provinces in Canada, enjoyed the wonderful Maritime hospitality and made many new friends.

Attending from BC were three students Catherine Haney (who won the Vicky Bach Student Presentation Award), Lydia Wytenbroek, David Yacoubian. In addition, Geertje Boschma, Lynne Esson, Kathy O'Flynn-Magee, Linda Quiney, Margaret Scaia, and Kathy Murphy were involved.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to an afternoon of Tea and Tales on Sunday, September 16, 2018 at Hycroft, the home of the University Women's Club of Vancouver. Three accomplished authors will be presenting their recent publications. They are Carol Harrison, Sonya Grypma and Lisa Smith.



EDITOR'S DESK

LYNNE ESSON

This summer edition contains our annual reports which provide information on the ongoing work of our Board of Directors and our Committees. You will enjoy reading about the Dedication Ceremony at UVIC of the Sheila Zerr Doll Collection. Also included is an article by Sheila Zerr and Lenore Radom titled Dressing Up History: Nursing Uniforms and Professional Identity.

We have a superb collection of biographies, oral histories on BC nurses as well as artifacts. See our website: www.bcnursinghistory.ca

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

On behalf of us all have a great summer

DRESSING UP HISTORY: CONTINUED FROM COVER



Glennis Zilm Master of Ceremonies

The costumes and uniforms presented during the parade have been collected, researched and hand stitched by Sheila Zerr.

Many are authentic, having been worn by nurses who donated their uniforms for show purposes. Some of the costumes are now possessions of the BCHNS Archives. The historical parade focuses on Canadian nursing history and begins with Jeanne Mance circa 1640 and follows development of nursing costumes to current times.



Dr. Cheryl Krasnick Warsh as Florence Nightingale



"Past to Present" Sheila Zerr of BCHNS, modeling as Jeanne Mance c1640 with Brendon Landry of VIU, modeling as today's University Graduate Nurse.



Lenore Radom of BCHNS in the modern version of "scrubs" worn by RNs in 2000s.

Early fur traders and pioneer settlers in Canada depended heavily on the skills and knowledge of aboriginal healers such as Amelia Douglas, wife of James Douglas, first Governor of B.C. Amelia Douglas learned a great deal about healing and nursing from her Cree mother. Another Victoria woman of influence was Mary Cridge, wife of Reverend Edward Cridge. These women contributed a great deal to the establishment of health care in early Victoria and this costume is typical of that worn by women of privilege in the 1840s.



Lenore Radom of BCHNS modeling as Amelia Douglas, Aboriginal Cree Healer.



Guest Sarah Whitely of Nanaimo wearing her uniform as a Nursing Sister from Blackpool, England.



Lynne Esson (left) of BCHNS in Royal Jubilee Hospital Graduate uniform, circa 1908.



Cheryl Entwistle of BCHNS in 1905 RJH "Walking Out Uniform"

Establishing schools of nursing and standards of nursing practice resulted largely from Nightingale's post Crimean War work. Uniforms became an important badge of honor for nursing students and practicing nurses. Nursing Schools established their own distinctive styles for the uniform, cap, and cape. The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital based their "1905 Walking Out Uniform" on the British uniform. Nursing Directors often established their own unique costume designs.



Kathy Murphy, President of BCHNS, modeling Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing Student uniform circa 1918.



Jasmine Ashmore of VIU modeling as the RJH Director, Jessie MacKenzie in the 1920s.



Dr. Margaret Scaia, University of Victoria & BCHNS, modeling as a Red Cross Nurse, World War 1 (1914 – 1918). Note the "Rose of Sharon" on the back of cape.



The advent of WW I and WW II influenced women's fashions and nursing uniforms. One of the most distinctive uniforms was the WW I Red Cross Nurse. The image of the nurse serving in the front lines was well established by this particular image. Nurses in WW I had to roll up their skirts to keep them out of the mud and are credited with influencing the shorter dresses of the 1920s flapper costumes. WW II saw many changes in nurse attire. Nurses moved into more practical attire, such as the Khaki working attire with trousers and a turban fashioned from a Khaki arm sling.

Public Health Nurses brought a whole new image to the nurses' attire. The 1920s saw the role of the Public Health Nurse established in Canada's universities. Their uniforms needed to be practical as they worked in all manner of homes and community settings. The Victoria Order of Nurses (VON) was established in 1898, with Lady Aberdeen's influence as wife of the Governor General. The VON uniform changed as fashions changed, but remained with the professional dress, hat and coat for many years.



Sue Forshaw of BCHNS modeling BC Public Health Nurse uniform of late 1920s-1930s



Leora Gueulette in VIU Bachelor of Business Administration, modeling a Victorian Order of Nurses uniform of early 1940s.



Dr. Karen Rollwagen, of VIU modeling 1960s St. Joseph's student uniform & cape.



Sarah Warsh, of VIU modeling 1970s Instructor uniform, worn by Sheila Zerr in the 1970s.



Tonia Leronowich, of VIU modeling the 1970s "mini uniform."

The 1960s brought great change to nurse's attire. Moving from the bib and apron, cap and cape of the nursing schools to the introduction of nylon dresses in the 1960s, mini dresses in the 1970s, and eventually the loss of the cap and the move to scrubs in the 1980s. The move from hospital training programs to college programs, to university degree qualification can be seen in the changes of attire of the nurse to the current universal use of scrubs and the loss of the distinctive image of the nurse.



University of Victoria Dedication Ceremony Recognizes Sheila Rankin Zerr: May 9, 2018

The School of Nursing, University of Victoria, will be home to the miniature doll collection portraying the history of health care and nursing from earliest times to present day. Sheila Zerr developed the miniature collection as a teaching tool over four decades, teaching the history of health care and nursing practice. Each of the forty six porcelain dolls in the collection were hand crafted by Canadian doll artists and then costumes and uniforms were researched, designed and hand crafted by Sheila Zerr.

The collection is enclosed in four specially designed cases that divide the collection into the four major historical factors that influenced the progressive development of health care and professional nursing. The cases are designed to house and protect each of the miniature dolls in the collection. The first case portrays the early men and women of influence to promote health care, the second case portrays the influence of religious practices and health care, the third case portrays the impetus of war in advancing health care and nursing, and the fourth case portrays the path to professional nursing practice.

Dr. Susan Duncan, Director of the University of Victoria School of Nursing, willingly accepted the offer of the collection on October 5, 2017. Dr. Duncan made plans to build a special case to house the collection in a central location for viewing by staff and students. Dr. Margaret Scaia, Assistant Teaching Professor, played a pivotal role in promoting the plan to have the collection find a home at the University of Victoria. The Teaching Guide, *Nearly Four Centuries of Canadian Nursing* by Glennis Zilm, was influential in the design and presentation of the collection. This valuable teaching guide accompanies the collection and will serve as a teaching tool if faculty wish to use the collection in the classroom.

The University of Victoria School of Nursing Alumnae provided the social setting for the formal acceptance of the collection on May 8, 2018. The Alumnae members displayed their great interest and acceptance of the collection as a tool to inform future students of the rich history of health care and nursing.



Dr. Duncan & Sheila Zerr viewing Glennis Zilm's "Teaching Guide"



Sheila addressing the Alumnae gathering to describe the collection



Sheila with her proud husband Ray

Jeanne Mance Award presented to Sally Thorne

Text and photo taken from UBC Web Site:

<https://nursing.ubc.ca/news-events/news/19-jun-2018/jeanne-mance-award-presented-sally-thorne>

The Canadian Nurses Association's prestigious Jeanne Mance Award is conferred this year on Dr. Sally Thorne. The award takes into consideration three specific areas of accomplishment: significant and innovative contributions to the health care of Canadians; significant contributions to the status and public recognition of the nursing profession; and significant and sustained contributions to nursing practice in Canada. Our colleague has certainly fulfilled these considerations, and we heartily congratulate her for this recognition.

Dr. Thorne has served two terms as Director of the School of Nursing and is currently a professor in the School and the Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs in the Faculty of Applied Science. Through her leadership roles, Dr. Thorne was instrumental in bringing Nurse Practitioner programs to British Columbia. Under her leadership, the Nurse Practitioner program was initiated at UBC and simultaneously in two other BC Universities. Her work in chronic illness has initiated numerous programs of research with multiple grants to study the phenomenon of chronic illness. She has lectured and published extensively in the field with over thirty articles, books and commentaries specifically on chronic illness. As importantly, she has supervised and inspired many students and colleagues to extend research in this area. One aspect of Dr. Thorne's program of research on chronic illness has been explicit attention to cancer care. Through research, leadership, education, community engagement, and advocacy, Dr. Thorne has effectively improved health care for people with cancer.

Dr. Thorne is internationally known for her work in the advancement of nursing theory and research, which has involved an extensive body of theoretical writing on the ideas that affect nursing, many of which are now standard reading in philosophy of science graduate programs across Canada and internationally. Another clear example of her intellectual leadership within the discipline is her development of an approach to qualitative research called Interpretive Description. Her book

on the approach, *Interpretive Description: Qualitative Research for Applied Practice* was first published in 2008, with a second edition in 2016. The approach is one of the few truly unique nursing contributions to research methodology.

Dr. Thorne does not simply fulfill a role – she takes any role to a new level. As the Director of the School of Nursing, she worked diligently with a range of local, provincial, national, and international organizations to promote nursing and enhance the profession. She has served tirelessly in multiple offices in UBC's Senate including as a Senator for eight 3-year terms and has worked on over ten different senate committees. She has also served repeatedly in various roles within the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing, including as a member of the National Council for eight years. She served as the Registered Nurses Association of BC's representative to the Board of Trustees of the BC Cancer Agency from 1994-2001, including serving for two years as the Board Chair. She has also served



as a Board member of the BC Cancer Foundation, as a member of Health Canada's Advisory Committee on Complementary and Alternative Health Care and was a member of the Board of Directors of the newly formed Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. More recently, she has worked closely with the BC Cancer Agency to conduct a formal review of nursing service.

Her national and international contributions to leadership and administration are too numerous to detail fully, but one of her major contributions was her election in 2005 to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS), where she has demonstrated at the national level, the intellectual leadership nursing science can bring to health science policy discussions. In every role she takes on, she works tirelessly for nurses and the reputation of the nursing profession.

The Jeanne Mance Award is a lifetime achievement award, but make no mistake, there is more to come. Surely, no other nurse in Canada is more worthy of this recognition than Dr. Sally Thorne. We are so very proud of her!

The 2018 BC Historical Federation Annual Conference

Nakusp – May 24 to 26 | Hosted by The Arrow Lakes Historical Society

Written by Nan Martin

The village of Nakusp is located on the shores of Upper Arrow Lake, a portion of the Columbia River, in the West Kootenay region of British Columbia. It has a picturesque mountain lakeside setting with a population of around 1600. Nakusp is known for its nearby Hot Springs.

The Arrow Lakes Historical Society, under the leadership of Rosemarie Parent and Marilyn Taylor, excelled in producing a professional, educational, exciting and fun gathering, featuring a host of regional speakers under the theme History. Springs. Eternal. Bus tours took us to fascinating historical places. You can revisit the conference on their website: bchistory.ca

The BC Historical Federation, formed in 1922, represents more than 400 society and associate historical, heritage, and museum groups throughout the province. BC History of Nursing Society has been a member society of BCHF since 2004 and has had representation at every annual conference since then. This is my eighth conference and it is always a pleasure to meet old friends, interesting new ones and share our activities with the participants.

It really is all about the people in our lives and how every person has a story. I was touched and haunted by the stories of

the people of this village, and many other people and places, who were unbelievably affected over 60 years ago by the 1964 Columbia River Treaty!

The BC Book Prize Gala on our final evening was a fun and inspiring event.

The BC Lieutenant Governor's Medal for historical writing and \$2,500 was awarded to Dr. Ben Bradley for *British Columbia by the Road: Car Culture and the Making of a Modern Landscape*, UBC Press.

The BC History of Nursing Society won the Best Website Prize. It will be awarded to Anita Petersen and Lenore Radom at our September meeting.

Naomi Miller, one of our Honorary Members, received an Honorary Membership in recognition of her outstanding work throughout the years with BCHF.

Anna Tremere, Riverview Hospital Historical Society, and BCHNS member, won an Award of Merit for her leadership and dedication to preserving the history of Riverview Hospital.



Shannon Bettles Webmaster, Anna Tremere, (Merit Award),
K.Jane Watt, President



Naomi Miller, (Honorary Member BCHF), and
K.Jane Watt, President

B.C. History of Nursing Society 2017 Annual Reports

The following reports were presented at the Annual Meeting on April 19, 2018. 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.



01 President's Report – by: Kathy Murphy, President

The BC History of Nursing Society is celebrating 10 years as the Society and 28 years as the special provincial group focused on the collection, preservation and presentation of nursing history in our province.

The proposed Bylaws were accepted at the 2017 AGM so the governing body is now called the Board of Directors and the various committees carry out the work of the society with a dedicated group of volunteers and our archivist.

On November 17, 2017, I attended the 2017 Nursing Awards of Excellence at The Wall Centre with Bob and Richard Wadsworth. All members of the Nursing Alliance were involved. They included: ARNBC, ARPNBC, BCNPA, LPNABC and the NECBC with awards being presented to representatives from the various groups. The Memorial Book submissions recognized Lavinia Crane and Pat Wadsworth which were nominations submitted by our group.

In early December, several members attended the launch of a new book by Lisa Smith entitled “Emily Patterson: The Heroic Life of a Mill-town Nurse”. This was held at the Hastings Mill Museum. Members of the family and other guests were impressed with the BC History of Nursing display arranged by Nan Martin.

The BCHNS was pleased to be part of the 4th Annual UBC Nursing History Symposium which was held in early March and featured the variety of nursing library resources available at UBC. The several displays prepared by Nan Martin were greatly appreciated by those in attendance.

Glennis Zilm was able to join the conference via Skype and Helen Vandenberg, from Saskatchewan, presented a paper during the panel presentation.

02. Treasurer's Report – by: Suzanne Forshaw, Treasurer



The financial status of the History of Nursing is very stable. The membership went down (82 to 64) from 2016. The donations went down approximately \$772.40 from last year.

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

- 2017 BCHoN Income Tax
- 2017 BCHoN Financial Statement
- 2017 financial review done by Wendy Orvig (paid consultant)
- 2017 T4A tax forms filed with the CRA before the end of May.
- Two scholarships of \$2,000.00 and \$1000.00 respectively, were awarded.
- The bank account was \$8,258.00 as of the end of December 2017.
- The investment total was \$133,367.00 as of the end of December 2017.
- The 2018 budget has been presented for approval at the annual meeting.



03. Archives – by: Nan Martin, Chair

Members: Ethel Warbinek (oral histories and biographies), Sally Maclean, Nan Martin (Chair) and Francis Mansbridge (Archivist)

From April 2017 through March 2018, the major activities of the Archives committee include:

- Regular monthly committee meetings and other times as required to meet with researchers and donors. Francis comes in one day each week.
- Meeting with the new director of the School of Nursing, Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc, who expressed strong support for the work of the Archives and support for its future.
- Ongoing work concerning making materials available to be used in the UBC School of Nursing's 100th anniversary celebrations.
- Submission of Archival Corner for each newsletter.
- Completion of the UBC School of Nursing Historical Fonds by Ethel.
- Completion of three photograph books of our archival collection of nursing pins by our photographer, Anne Shaw. One copy is filed in our Reference section, one for displays and one was sent to Glennis Zilm.
- Accessioning of donated nursing pins / uniforms / costumes, archival books, pamphlets and historical papers.
- Ongoing transfer of oral history cassette tapes to an MP3 format.
- Adding material to the finding aids and biographical files with the corresponding descriptions revised.
- Ongoing work on an inventory of all photographs in the archives which will be fully searchable.
- A draft of an annotated bibliography of works in the archives referring to tuberculosis has been completed, and similar bibliographies will be compiled in the future.
- Delighted that Anita now has an excellent system on our website to showcase some of our artifacts.
- We are pleased to report that our archival holdings are in excellent shape due to the very capable hands of our Archivist, Francis. The committee shares in responding to inquiries from researchers and others for information about many different aspects of archives. Glennis Zilm also gives of her time and expertise in responding to researchers.



04. Biographical – by: Ethel Warbinek, Chair

All of our biographical files have been reviewed and are being posted on our website along with available photographs and summaries. To date, more than 50% have been processed. New biographies and additional information on existing files continue to be added to the collection.

05. Oral History – by: Ethel Warbinek, Chair

Work is continuing on reviewing all of the cassette tapes in our collection to determine suitability to be saved on USB flash drives. To date, 50% have been reviewed and saved as MSP files and downloaded on our computer. This provides easier access to these recordings for those pursuing research. It is amazing to discover cassettes from the late 1980s are still in good condition and will be preserved in our archive. Special thank you to Sally McLean who has helped with the review of the cassettes.



06. Newsletter – by: Lynne Esson, Chair

Members: Lynne Esson (chair) 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 2017. 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. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who contribute information and articles for the newsletter.

Editors for 2017

- Winter: Membership renewal/Presidents message mailed out by Lenore Radom
- Spring: Lynne Esson
- Summer: Ethel Warbinek
- Fall: Lynne Esson

Future Plans:

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

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



PAGES TO DATE

There are 86 pages of history, 80 hard copy and 16 on the web site. There are an additional 2 web site pages currently under development. There are three sets of display albums. One Album set is used for History of Nursing Society displays. One set is archival and contains consents, and one set Lenore retains for requested information. Consent forms are required for web site and future digital access.

On the side bar menu, "Nurses Honoured 1998 – 2011" there is a full list of names in the 3 albums for those interested in researching. To obtain this information go to website: www.bcnursinghistory.ca "contact us"

Recommendations:

We recommend completing the pages of history of our directors and place them on our web site. Currently, we have 7 past and current directors on the website.

08. PROGRAM – by: Lenore Radom



There were no special events organized by us since the last AGM. We have selected Sheridee Lee Catering for our Sept 16, 2018 event "Tea & Tales" at Hycroft who we have had before & are very pleased with. We have secured 3 authors for this event. The Book by Linda Quiney, "This Small Army of Women Canadian Volunteer Nurses & the First World War" was presented at one of our meetings.

Many of us responded to the invitation and attended the book launch of "Emily Patterson" by Lisa Smith.



9. Membership – by: Suzanne Forshaw

The membership went down from 2016.

2016 numbers:

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

Total : 82 Three died in 2016

2017 numbers:

Full Members:	41	Affiliate Members:	9
Student Members:	7	Honorary Members:	7

Total : 64 One died in 2016



10. Parks Canada Nominations – by: Nan Martin

ETHEL JOHNS (1879 - 1968) Christa Hanson from Historic Sites and Monuments is in contact with UBC School of Nursing to arrange placement of the Ethel Johns plaque in the patient park outside of UBC's Acute Care Koerner Pavilion. We will be informed of the date of installation. 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. The unveiling of the Military Nurses of Canada plaque took place at the Regina Legislature on their Remembrance Day 2017 service. Please refer to the Blog on our website bcnursinghistory.ca for full information about the day including a link to a video of this memorable event



11. Website – by: Lenore Radom, Chair

Members: Beth Fitzpatrick and Jennifer Stephens

The website committee this year has kept up with adding all BCHNS current events as they have happened as well as adding to blog, pages of history, honorary member Ethel Warbinek, Scholarships recipient Sarah Cook, and displays. All 2016 & 2017 newsletters were added to the website & now only withholding 2018. All the newsletters disappeared for some unknown reason recently. Beth suggested an easier visual format which was added by our webmaster, Anita Petersen. I have resent the remaining photos for artefacts that Nan submitted, and they have also been added.

Activity Report from Anita April 8, 2017 - April 14, 2018

Total Page Views: 17,108 | Total Session: 4,256 | Total Visitors: 3,151

After the home page the most viewed pages are: 1) blog 2) bio files 3) pages of history 4) newsletter 5) archives 6) events

Average time on site - 2 minutes and 55 seconds. Over 90% of your traffic in the last year were new visitors. The majority of your traffic comes from the USA with Canada a close 2nd

Jennifer reports: The BCHNS participates in social networking through active accounts with both Facebook and Twitter. Facebook followers are at 77. We are seeing more hits and likes on our page, which is updated a few times a month. More pictures and contributions from the membership are welcomed!

Our Twitter feed has 258 followers. We post a few tweets a month with the goal of providing information and connection without spamming our followers with posts. The past year has seen a significant increase in the number of our tweets being re-tweeted, which is an indication that people are interacting with our presence.

The goal for 2018 is to increase our followers for both social media platforms. Increasing our use of visual tools such as pictures and short videos is a real priority, and I (Jennifer) encourage anyone with pictures or materials we could post to contact me or Lenore. In the future if we could have more regular contributions of photos and such, accounts with other social media platforms such as Instagram may be a viable and useful method to further reach our membership and general public.

12. Memorial Book – by: Lynne Esson, Chair

During the year (2017), the History of Nursing Society either initiated or assisted with **two nominations for the ARNBC Memorial Book**. There were **no nominations for the CNA Memorial book**. These individuals will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony and will be entered into the book. **This year the nominees for the ARNBC Memorial Book were:**

- **Patricia Mary Wadsworth 1931-2017 AND Lavinia “Vin” Mary Crane 1923-2017**
- Many thanks to Kathy Murphy for her work on these submissions.
- **Dr. Claire Budgen 1946-2017 was nominated by UBC Okanagan**
 - The above nominees were recognized during the ARNBC Awards Ceremony on November 17, 2017.
 - There were no nominees for the CNA Memorial Book in 2017

13. BC Historical Federation – by: Nan Martin

The 2017 activities of the Federation include:

Publication of the BCHF quarterly British Columbia History Magazines and Newsletters. The Newsletters are sent electronically to our secretary, Lynne Esson, then forwarded to our on-line members, thus reaching out to more readers. 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, and Kathy Murphy attended the 2017 Annual Conference in Chilliwack (refer to my report in 2017 Summer newsletter). The 2018 Annual Conference is in Nakusp, May 24 - 27, 2018. I have registered for the conference. Beth Fitzpatrick suggested that our new website should be nominated for an award. I completed the nomination form and Francis wrote the Letter of Reference. On April 5, 2018 we were notified by Shannon Bettles that the BC History of Nursing Society's website was the recipient of the BC Best Website Award. The Award, a certificate and cheque for \$250, will be presented at the Gala evening in Nakusp. Of note, this is our second BC Best Website Award. Beth Fitzpatrick received the first award in 2003.



14. Displays - by: Nan Martin, Acting Chair

Members: Cheryl Entwistle, Lenore Radom and Nan Martin with assistance from Geertje Boschma, Catherine Haney and Francis Mansbridge. Cheryl resigned as Chair in September and I took Acting Chair position. Thanks to Cheryl for many years of dedicated work and creative displays. Cheryl continues as a helpful member of the Displays committee.

BCHNS Hall Glass Cabinet Display:

Pageant of Nursing History dolls donated by Sheila Rankin Zerr. This display will stay in place for another year.

UBC School of Nursing Hall Display Table:

- April to June: Display of a selection of Sheila's small portrait dolls
- June to October: Ethel Johns display
- October and November: Remembrance display
- December: Christmas display
- January to March: Advertising the March 2018 Nursing History Symposium
- March to April 2018: Display in Honour of Ethel Warbinek – Nursing History and Students
- November: Woodward Lecture display – featuring Sheila's mental health doll.
- December: Emily Patterson book display - featuring Sheila's Emily doll.
- March 8, 2018: Sherrington Room Archives display at Woodward Library: Large cabinet display plus our usual small BCHNS display

15. Scholarships - by: Kathy Murphy, Chair

The Scholarship Committee accepts applications in November and March each year. **The March winner was Catherine Haney**, a UBC Doctoral student who is continuing with analysis of her study regarding *Nurses and Their Work in Canadian Abortion Services 1960-1990s*.

- **The November winner was Sarah Cook**, a Masters Student at Trinity Western University. Sarah is studying the nursing experiences of the Nichols sisters in northern BC from 1921 to 1935.
- **Previous winner report:** Courtney Devane

New opera tells little-known story of Canadian nurses killed in WWI boat sinking

In June, 1918, 14 Canadian nursing sisters were killed when their hospital ship, the Llandovery Castle, was torpedoed. Now, a new Canadian opera commemorates these 14 women who comforted the wounded and the dying in the midst of unimaginable horror.

A new opera tells the story of the Llandovery Castle, a Canadian hospital ship that was torpedoed by a German U-boat during the First World War, taking hundreds of lives — including those of 14 nurses.

It was the deadliest Canadian naval disaster of the Great War, but the story has been largely forgotten. Now composer Stephanie Martin and playwright Paul Ciufo want to tell the story to a new audience, 100 years later. These nurses were some of Canada's earliest career women.

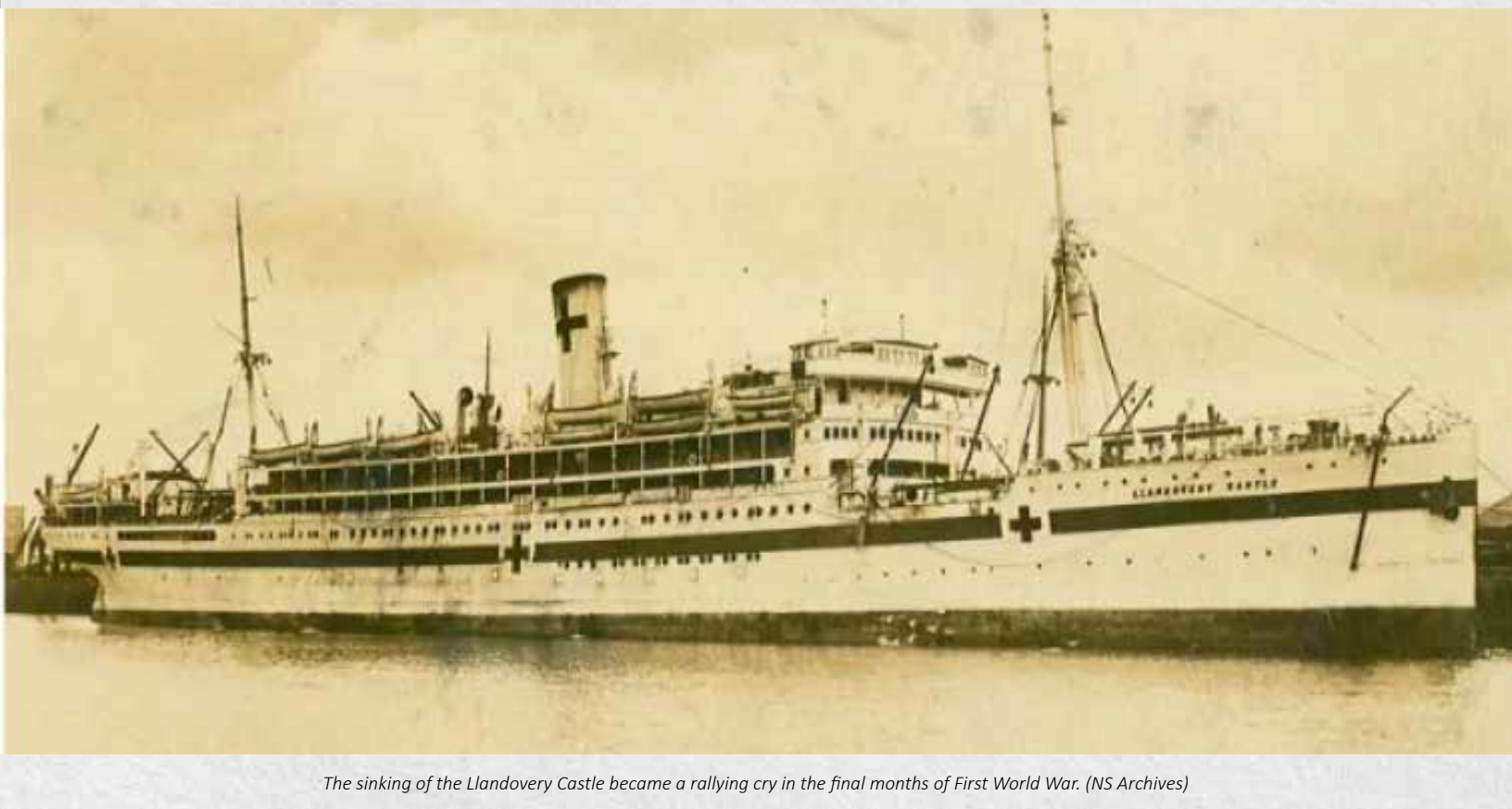
After the torpedo hit, the nurses tried to escape the sinking ship in a lifeboat, but it wouldn't detach. They were among the 234 people who died in the attack. Only 24 people survived.

The deaths of the nurses became a rallying cry in the final months of the First World War, and the sinking of the Llandovery Castle was the subject of one of the first war crimes trials in history.



Rena 'Bird' McLean, of Souris, P.E.I., was one of the 14 nurses killed in the sinking of the Llandovery Castle. (© IWM [WWC H22-22])

- <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/thesundayedition/the-sunday-edition-june-17-2018-1.4692469/new-opera-tells-little-known-story-of-canadian-nurses-killed-in-wwi-boat-sinking-1.4692485>
- Taken from the CBC web site



The sinking of the Llandovery Castle became a rallying cry in the final months of First World War. (NS Archives)

Nursing History Symposium 2018

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By Katherine Miller, Nursing Librarian, UBC Library

On March 8th, 2018, the “In Search of Nursing’s History” symposium was co-hosted by Woodward Library, the School of Nursing’s Consortium of Nursing History, and BC’s History of Nursing Society at Woodward Library. The morning began with Dr. Geertje Boschma, professor in UBC School of Nursing and Katherine Miller, Nursing Librarian greeting the 36 guests gathered to learn more about how UBC Library and Archives are supporting UBC and community researchers on the history of nursing.

Aleteia Greenwood opened the presentations with a brief history of the library, amalgamation of branches through the years and unique collections. She also highlighted the contributions of Lee Ann Bryant, former Nursing Librarian. This was followed by a panel presentation and conversation with:

- Amber Saundry, Digital Repository Librarian gave a presentation written in collaboration with Larissa Ringham, UBC Digital Projects Librarian, “Preserving Nursing and Health History in a Time of Digitization and Open Collections”
- Krisztina Laszlo, Archivist UBC Library Rare Books and Special Collections shared about “Archival Records and Nursing History”,
- Claire Williams, MAS/MLIS Candidate, “Archiving Networks of Support” – Positive Women’s Network.
- Erwin Wodarczak, Acting Head UBC Archives “Records and Collections on Nursing History in UBC Archives”
- Dr. Helen Vandenberg, Assistant Professor, University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing and UBC alumni (presenting virtually).

After the panel presentations, guests engaged with the Woodward Library’s spaces and nursing history resources collections and artifacts with a “Walkabout”. In the Charles Woodward Memorial Room, two display cases contain nursing history artifacts from infant feeders to Ethel Johns’ nursing medals. In the display case next to the Memorial Room, the Consortium for Nursing History and UBC School of Nursing displayed a visual history of the School of Nursing from 1900s until 1990s. The McKechnie Room hosted a display of books from Xwi7xwa and Woodward Libraries, a poster by Katherine Miller “Collections and Research Services”, a display of new books published by UBC Press on nursing history, and a booth from the Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry at UBC Vancouver.

Further details can be found on

- <http://blogs.ubc.ca/nursinghistory/>
- The recording of the Nursing Symposium is available in cIRcle: <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/64858>

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“Miller Bay Indian Hospital: Life and Work in a TB Sanatorium”, examines the history of one of the 22 or more such hospitals across Canada in the mid-twentieth century. This hospital, built near Prince Rupert for a different purpose by the RCAF during WWII, treated patients from across northern BC. It is hard to find a First Nations person in this area whose life has not been touched in some way by Miller Bay--and yet it has been all but forgotten by most of the non-indigenous population. Stories of the patients, nurses, doctors and other staff members are presented in the book, in a way, hoped will stimulate more discussion and sharing of stories, and contribute in its small way to reconciliation.

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LISA ANNE SMITH: *Vancouver writer specializing in books about local history through publisher Ronsdale Press. She is a docent with the Museum of Vancouver's Education Department and a member of Native Daughters of BC Post #1, owner/operators of Old Hastings Mill Store Museum, Vancouver's oldest building (circa 1865).*

“Emily Patterson, The Heroic Life of a Milltown Nurse.” Born in Maine, USA, in 1836, Emily travelled west with her husband and children circa 1860 and lived in several remote areas before eventually settling in Moodyville, now North Vancouver, in 1874. Although not formally trained, she took it upon herself to provide medical treatment to her family and community out of sheer necessity. She became so adept at her skills that she was thought of as a nurse and was widely respected among Indigenous and pioneer residents up and down Burrard Inlet.

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SEPTEMBER 16 at Hycroft

Afternoon Tea with Three Guest Speakers: Dr. Sonya Grypma, Carol Harrison and Lisa Smith at the University Women's Club of Vancouver. Hycroft House

Cathy Ebbehøj Retires

Catherine (Cathy) Ebbehøj who completed both her BSN (1975) and MSN (1999) in the UBC School of Nursing, brought her longstanding expertise in maternity nursing and education to the school as a clinical instructor in 1990, and was a popular and inspirational educator for 27 years, officially retired on December 31st, 2017, but continues to be active on the Alumni Engagement Committee.



Vicky Bach Prize Awarded to Catherine Haney

The Vicky Bach prize winner for 2018 was member **Catherine Haney, RN, MSN, PhD (Candidate) University of British Columbia**. Her paper was titled: *'Experienced, Compassionate, and with a Sense of Humour: Nurses' work in support of abortion in Canadian free-standing abortion clinics, 1969-1988'*



CAHN-ACHN Allemang Scholarship awarded to David Hrag Yacoubian

One of the CAHN-ACHN Allemang Scholarship Awards was awarded to **David Hrag Yacoubian, PhD Student, School of Nursing, UBC. Supervisor: Dr. Geertje Boschma**. Project: *Canadian nurse's global-transnational leadership to confront genocide: The case of the Armenian genocide (Le leadership mondial et transnational des infirmières canadiennes face au génocide: l'exemple du génocide arménien)*.



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