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The BC Historical Federation Annual Conference (BCHF)

“Who is Taking Care of History?”

Comox Valley – Thursday June 6th to Sunday June 9th, 2019

By Nan Martin

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newsletter committee

Lynne Esson (chair), Beth Fitzpatrick, Ethel Warbinek, Sheila Zerr, Naomi Miller, Glennis Zilm, Lenore Radom. The BC History of Nursing Society Newsletter is published 3 times per year.

SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME.

Deadline for the Fall Issue is September 15, 2019. Please send submissions to: lynne.esson@ubc.ca



Archival Corner

An excerpt from one of our Treasured Biographical Files

Frances Ulva McQuarrie (1914 – 1995)

"Frankie" graduated from Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing in 1935 and UBC School of Nursing in 1936. Following graduation, she became a head nurse at VGH and later a science instructor before joining the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency where she assisted in the care of displaced persons in North Africa and Italy. On her return to BC in 1946 she worked with the Canadian Vocational Program to prepare ex-service personnel for return to civilian life.

It is with sad hearts that we are still seeing many displaced persons and ex-service personnel who need help due to on-going wars and unrest in our world. No doubt, like Frankie, there are many nurses involved in providing that help.

To read more about Frankie and other nurses, please visit our website www.bcnursinghistory.ca – Archives – Biographical Files



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KATHY MURPHY



The The BCHNS website is revised regularly so it is worth checking it to keep track of our activities. Please click on www.bcnursinghistory.ca.

The eleventh Annual General Meeting of the BC History of Nursing Society was held Thursday, April 9, 2019 at the Thames Court Leisure Centre. This group commenced as the BC History of Nursing Professional Practice Group in 1990 and continues to carry out the many activities with a small group of dedicated members and our part time Archivist, Francis Mansbridge. The annual reports were received and can be read in this issue.

Many members attended the UBC School of Nursing 100th Anniversary Awards Ceremony on May 2, 2019. There were 13 members of the BC History of Nursing Society honoured. They included: Geertje Boschma, Lynne Esson, Beth Fitzpatrick, Irene Goldstone, Genelle Leifso, Sally MacLean, Naomi Miller, Kathy Murphy, Sheila Rankin Zerr, Helen Shore, Sally Thorne, Ethel Warbinek, and Glennis Zilm. As described on our website, this event was a smashing success.

On June 3, 2019, members of the BCHNS were invited to attend the special presentations and luncheon as part of the CAHN annual conference with the Canadian Society of the History of Medicine held at UBC. Sincere appreciation is extended to Geertje Boschma who chaired the Local Arrangement Committee for the joint conference and to the volunteers from the BCHNS (Lynne Esson, Catherine Haney, Linda Quiney, and Kathy Murphy). Special appreciation is extended to Helen Shore who sponsored the luncheon.

It was learned that the Canadian Association of the History of Nursing Conference will be held in Ottawa in 2020.

Succession Planning is a necessary topic for this society to consider so a task group was struck earlier this year to consider where the archives and artifacts should eventually be stored. The group composed of Nan Martin, Geertje Boschma, Ethel Warbinek, Glennis Zilm and Francis Mansbridge presented their report to the Board in June. The Board enthusiastically endorsed the recommendations which are:

- To transfer the archival materials to the Rare Books and Special Collections at UBC.
- To maintain collaboration between the BC History of Nursing Society and the UBC School of Nursing for housing and maintaining the artifacts.
- To have the Succession Planning Task Group continue in order to prepare the necessary agreements with the three parties involved regarding the storage and maintenance archives and artifacts.
- The time and effort taken by the committee members to meet with the various resource people to negotiate this successful solution is greatly appreciated.

Our meeting dates have been confirmed for September 10/19, October 8/19, and November 12/19. Members are encouraged to send concerns or to attend the meetings.

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It was indeed a weekend to remember with excellent keynote speakers, well organized tours and such interesting concurrent sessions that it was hard to choose which ones to attend. Our knowledge of the history of Comox Valley was greatly enhanced.

On the Friday evening, the Kumugwe dancers welcomed us with traditional dance and song in the K'omoks Big House – a special treat! (See photo of Glennis Zilm and Mary Watt at this event in BCHF June Buzz newsletter!)

At the BCHF Annual General Meeting on Saturday morning, the delegates supported a resolution to reduce fees and improve public access to invaluable images and documents in the BC Archives and endorsed a campaign to transform the BC Maritime Museum in Victoria into a national museum.

The BC Book Prize Gala on our final evening was a time of sharing with old and new friends in a beautiful setting filled with anticipation as the Historical Writing Awards were being presented. I have a copy of the BCHF Annual Report 2019 with all this and more information. Please contact me through our website if you wish to read it.

The 2018 Lieutenant Governor's Historical Writing Award Medal was awarded to Tyler McCreary for his book: *Shared Histories: Witsuwit'en - Settler Relations in Smithers, British Columbia, 1913 – 1973*, Creekstone Press.



A Special Program Commemorating 100 Years Of Academic Nursing Education At UBC, 1919 – 2019

The joint conference of the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine and the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing, held at Congress 2019 at UBC from June 1 – 3, hosted a special program celebrating the centenary of the UBC School of Nursing. In a pre-lunch seminar session Geertje Boschma (UBC) and Margaret Scaia (UVic) examined the beginning decades of the first nursing degree program in Canada at UBC. They highlighted the contextual influences of public health and higher education that shaped the course of the degree program, and explored its meaning for women who took the program in the 1950s and 1970s.

Following a festive lunch, sponsored by the UBC School of Nursing and Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry, and sup-

ported by a generous donation from Helen Shore, Patron of the Consortium, the program concluded with a round table on Nurses in Public Memory, entitled “Icons, Trail-blazers and Symbols of Virtue.” Five presenters – Jill Campbell-Miller (Carleton University), Sioban Nelson (University of Toronto), Sarah Glassford (Prov. Archives of New Brunswick), Andrea Mcenzie (York University) and Peter Twohig (St. Mary’s University) explored the multiple uses of commemoration of nurses and caring work and engaged the audience in vivid debate on commemoration, nursing and professional history.

For the full program and abstracts see - <https://cshmschm.ca/annual-conference-conference-annuelle/>



Left: The audience of students, scholars and community members at the start of the round table.



Right: The panel members engaged in discussion during the open session.



Top right and left: Pre-lunch seminar on the start of university nursing education at UBC



Middle : Conference participants Lynne Esson, Irene Goldstone and Alice Baumgart in the audience

Bottom: Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc extending a welcome from the UBC School of Nursing



Left: Vicky Bach prize for best student paper on nursing history for Lucy Vorobej



Right: BCHNS display with members Lenore Radom, Sheila Oxholm, Nan Martin, Sheila Rankin-Zerr

Centenary Medal of Distinction Awardees

The School of Nursing Centenary Medal of Distinction has been created to mark the celebration of the school's 100th anniversary.

The medal served to recognize individuals who have brought high honour to the School of Nursing or to the profession of nursing, and/or who have made long standing/significant contributions to advance the school's vision, mission and mandate. Any alumni, past/present faculty, staff, donors, and practice partners were eligible for nomination. Decisions were made by the Director of the School of Nursing. This year's medals were presented at the Nursing Centenary Gala on May 2, 2019 held at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. It was all guided by the ever-entertaining Fred Lee, UBC's Director of Alumni Engagement

We heartily congratulate the winners of this once-in-a-lifetime award.

Geertje Boschma
Lynne Esson
Beth Fitzpatrick
Irene Goldstone
Genelle Leifso
Naomi Miller

Kathy Murphy
Helen Shore
Sally Thorne
Ethel Warbinek
Sheila Rankin Zerr
Glennis Zilm



American Mission Nursing in Iran, 1907–1947

LYDIA WYTENBROEK, PHD, MA, BSN, RN

My research explores American missionary nurses' contributions to mission medicine and healthcare in Iran. The Presbyterian Church of the United States of America's Board of Foreign Missions (BFM) established a "Mission to Persia" in 1871, and medicine was integral to the mission enterprise from the beginning. Missionaries initially undertook social service projects because they hoped that these endeavours would advance the religious aims of the mission, but they came to value medical care as a tangible act of Christian service with intrinsic value. As modern hospitals were built to replace provisional medical services, like makeshift clinics, nursing emerged as a valuable component of mission medicine. Missionary nurses were part of a new era of mission medicine in Iran characterized by the delivery of modern scientific medicine and innovative surgery via hospital-centric care. They played a significant role in the work of the mission hospital, obstetrical work and nursing education in Iran.

The hospital was the primary site of mission medicine in the twentieth century. By 1915, Presbyterian missionaries were operating seven mission hospitals in Iran and the mission as a whole had acquired a prestigious reputation for its surgical work.

Although the mission hospitals were fairly small institutions, ranging in size from ten to seventy inpatient beds, they treated a fairly large number of patients. In 1925, the mission treated a combined 1,836 inpatients and 49,277 outpatients. The hospital was the hub of missionary nurses' work and activities. They spent the majority of their time managing hospital services, organizing and educating staff and students and delivering direct patient care. There was typically only one American missionary nurse assigned to a hospital, and mission nurses reported that their hospital work kept them very busy. One nurse commented that she was at the hospital every day by seven in the morning to get the night shift report and plan for the day. For some nurses, the "pressure of the work" was "too great,"¹ and they resigned before they completed their assignment.

Although their numbers were small, American mission nurses managed to carry out an impressive amount of medical work. They oversaw all inpatient services. One nurse wrote: "Our hospital being small, it fell to my lot not only to care for

the patients, wards and operating room, but also to oversee the serving of trays and the work in the kitchen and laundry."² Sometimes they also kept track of hospital statistics and kept a record of the hospital finances.³ They were involved in various facets of the mission medical work, but surgery often took precedence over their other work. All missionary nurses assigned to Iran had to function as perioperative nurses and be versed in surgical skills. They prepared the operating room, set up surgical tools, scrubbed into surgery, handled surgical instruments, gave anesthetics, disinfected and sterilized surgical equipment, cared

for postoperative patients and monitored patients for signs of postoperative complications. Yet their important role in surgery was rarely documented in annual hospital reports written by physicians. In 1925, missionary nurse Mabel Nelson, the sole missionary nurse assigned to the mission hospital in Mashhad, wrote that she had assisted in "nearly all major and some minor operations."⁴ The hospital statistics revealed that there were 181 major and 898 minor surgeries that year. Missionary nurses' reports revealed that nursing skills, therapies and manpower were vital to the implementation of mission medicine.

Gendered notions about women's work simultaneously restricted and expanded missionary nurses' activities and influence within the mission. Missionary nurses primarily practiced under the leadership of male missionary physicians, but they were able to carve out a unique and largely independent role in childbirth in the first half of the twentieth century.

They argued that they should be granted greater access to women patients because social stigma prevented some women from seeking birth assistance from male physicians. Their ability to play a role in obstetrical work was aided by Iranian physicians' public criticism of unskilled midwives and rising expectations for maternal and infant health.⁵ Historian Myra Rutherdale argues that "domesticity and maternalism were not always limiting ideologies for women; rather, they could be used as deliberate strategic identities to extend women's influence."⁶ Mission nurses in Iran used the idea of "women's work" to validate the importance of their contributions to mission medicine. They often wrote that they delivered babies alone as "mothers



... would not hear of calling in a man doctor.”⁷ Obstetrical work also allowed some nurses to generate revenue for the mission medical project through their independent nursing work. Grace Taillie started a private obstetrical practice in Tehran in 1930. The income she generated from her practice provided “material benefit in helping the hospital to weather its financial storms.”⁸ Without the revenue she generated from her obstetrical work, the mission hospital in Tehran would have struggled to subsist.

Nurses pointed out the effectiveness of their work in a number of ways. They documented the success of mission medicine in curing patients, and they used specific cases to demonstrate the value of nursing care. In their letters to home churches, nurses wrote about specific cases that highlighted their skill and resourcefulness. In one instance, when twin boys were delivered at the hospital in Tehran and the entire supply of infant apparel was in use, missionary nurse Jean Wells wrote that she went “flying to remedy it” and “hastily searched the neighborhood for clothing” for the babies.⁹ In her retelling of the scenario, she emphasized her ability to make do with limited resources and her capabilities as a missionary nurse to overcome the challenging situation.

Once missionary nurses established nursing schools, their educational endeavours became the focal point of their mission work. Between 1916 and 1936, American mission nurses operated the only nursing schools in the country. Since there were no other formal training programs for nurses, mission nurses were faced with the question of how to define the trained nurse in a context where ideas of professional nursing were not widely acknowledged or accepted. They used the recruitment, selection and training of students to cultivate their vision of nursing and set high standards for the profession. Their goal was to transform Iranian women into Americanized professional nurses.

After missionary nurses opened nursing schools, beginning in 1916, they relinquished much of the direct patient care to student nurses, but they also assumed new administrative and educational tasks involved with operating the nursing schools. From the very beginning, they were far more interested in advancing the nursing profession in Iran than they were about securing nursing labor for the mission hospitals. In 1923, after watching another class of students graduate, missionary nurse Jean Wells wrote that she was inspired to continue her “effort in the development of the profession in a country where hospitals are so few and trained care in sickness is almost unknown.”¹⁰ Missionary nurses felt that it was important to “not just train nurses to care for the sick, but to train nurses capable of taking charge of a hospital and training other nurses.”¹¹

By the 1920s, mission nurses were more interested in developing an Americanized nursing profession in Iran than Missionary nurse Janet Fulton wrote: “Ever since nursing has become my profession, I have wanted to produce fine nurses for Iran.”¹² This sentiment was echoed by missionary nurse Estella Chambers who wrote: “It is what I live for, to try to give to Iran good nurses.”¹³ Although the schools did not graduate large numbers of nurses, missionary nurses were at the forefront of nursing education in-

novation in the country. In 1936, the Iranian government hired missionary nurses to found the first government nursing schools in the country. And mission nurses continued to have an active role in nursing education in Iran until the Islamic Revolution in 1979.

Mission nurses increasingly focused on promoting nursing professionalism, and redefined their idea of Christian service in light of their professional goals. They began to argue that developing professional nursing was Christian work. One missionary nurse wrote: “I believe that teaching nationals to do nursing is one of the necessary and distinctive contributions of a Christian Mission. Do we believe in the ministry of healing? In hospitals? If so, nurses are necessary and must be produced right in the community, slowly over years. This has been my task.”¹⁴ Their ability to adapt their vision of mission nursing enabled them to continue their nursing schools even after mission hospitals were closed after World War II. They adjusted their faith and professional goals in light of their interactions with student and graduate nurses, and in relation to the changing political context of Iran.

Presbyterian missionaries affiliated with the mission comprised the largest American presence in Iran before World War II. They had a formative role in shaping Iranian perceptions about the U.S. and American perceptions about Iran. Thousands of people received treatment in American mission hospitals on a yearly basis in the first half of the twentieth century. These medical encounters were not insignificant. Certainly, medical missionaries represented a particular image of America to their patients, but they also delivered tangible medical care to thousands of people. Missionary nurses played an important role in these medical encounters. Nurses are not always considered in medical mission historiography, but mission nurses in Iran were more successful than their physician counterparts at navigating their position in the country. They had their own professional goals and carved out specific areas of nursing autonomy within the physician-dominated field of mission medicine.

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- 12 Janet Fulton, “Personal Report, 1953,” PHS RG 360: Janet Fulton.
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- 14 Ellen Nicholson, “Personal Report, June 1953,” PHS RG 360: Ellen Nicholson.



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

It was twenty-nine years ago that a committed group of nurses created the professional practice group that commenced the collection, preservation and presentation of nursing history in our province. Due to other changes, the BC History of Nursing Society was established eleven years ago to carry on this important work.

This past year, the meeting site of the Board of Directors required a change due to the sale of the CRNBC building. Linda Quiney now graciously hosts the meetings at her condominium social centre.

Facing the reality of limited human resources and the future of the society, a planning session was held in October with three members attending via Skype. Several items were identified for action: a succession planning task force was created regarding the archives and artifacts, a search for monuments/architecture that recognize nursing in our province through an ad in a BC Historical Federation publication, and ongoing support of the history of school of nursing project. These were in addition to the regular work of the society.

On a sunny day in late February 2019, members of the society and UBC School of Nursing faculty finally witnessed the unveiling of the plaque to recognize Ethel Johns, the first Director of the School of Nursing in 1919. We are indebted to Glennis Zilm

who prepared the original application twelve years ago and to the many other groups and individuals who also supported this application and waited patiently to see this recognition occur.

The BCHNS was pleased to be part of the 5th Annual UBC Nursing History Symposium which was held at the historic Cecil Green Park House in March and featured “100 Years of University Nursing Education at UBC -Looking Back and Looking Forward.” The display prepared by members of our group was greatly appreciated by the large crowd that attended.

Accepting the invitation to submit names to receive the 100th UBC Nursing medals, several members completed the online forms for several society members. The recipients will be recognized at the UBC School of Nursing Gala on May 2, 2019 as individuals who have brought high honour to the School of Nursing or to the profession of nursing and/or who have made long standing/significant contributions to advance the school's vision, mission and mandate.

Once again, I offer sincere appreciation to all who carry out the work of this significant organization and wish that more volunteers would come forward.

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

The financial status of the History of Nursing is very stable.

The membership went down in 2018 (64 to 58) from 2017.

The donations went down approximately \$287.00 from 2017.

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

- 2018 BCHoN Income Tax
- 2018 BCHoN Financial Statement
- 2018 financial review done by Wendy Orvig (paid consultant)
- 2018 T4A tax forms filed with the CRA before the end of May.

- One scholarships of \$2,000.00 was awarded.
- The bank account was \$9,631.68 as of the end of December 2018.
- The investment total was \$100,088.06 as of the end of December 2018.

The 2018 budget has been presented for approval at the annual meeting.

03. Archives – by: Nan Martin, Chair

Members: *Francis Mansbridge (Archivist), Sally MacLean (Oral Histories), Jennifer Stephens (Biographies), Nan Martin (Chair).*

From April 2018 through March 2019, 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.
- We bid goodbye to Ethel Warbinek in June due to her move to the Okanagan. She completed her work by sending Francis updates for the Biographies in the website! Thank you, Ethel.
- Submission of Archival Corner for each newsletter.
- Accessioning of donated nursing pins, uniforms, costumes, dolls, archival books, pamphlets and historical papers.
- Sally is carrying out the valuable work of listening to the oral history tapes to determine their suitability for transfer to MP3 format.
- Jennifer gives us hope for the future of Biographies as she considers ways and means of attracting current nurse leaders and visionaries via a new digital 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.
- Francis has compiled bibliographies of records that may be of use to the researcher relating to: The Canadian Military, Tuberculosis, Polio and Indigenous Peoples.
- Planning to add photographs to Anita's excellent website system to showcase more of our treasured artifacts.
- We are pleased to report that our archival holdings remain 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.
- In January 2019, Francis and I, along with Glennis Zilm, Ethel Warbinik and Geertje Boschma formed a Succession Planning Task Group in order to address concerns about the future and safe-guarding of the Society's archival holdings. This work is ongoing

04. NEWSLETTERS – by: Lynne Esson, Chair

Committee: *Lynne Esson (chair) Beth Fitzpatrick, Ethel Warbinek, Naomi Miller, Sheila Zerr, Lenore Radom and Glennis Zilm*

Meetings: At the call of the chairperson, no meetings held all communication was by email.

Committee Activities:

Three full issues of the history of nursing newsletter were published in 2018. All issues were guided by Anita Petersen's design and graphics. We thank Sue Forshaw for her assistance with the membership list. 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 2018

- Winter: Membership renewal/Presidents message mailed out by Lenore Radom
- Spring: Caryn Dooner UBC Nursing Student with assistance from Lynne Esson
- Summer: Lynne Esson
- Fall: Lynne Esson

Overall, the costs for the printing and mailing of the newsletter for 2018 is approximately \$300 dollars. Anita Peterson for the three newsletters receives an honorarium in total of 600 dollars

Future Plans:

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

05. Pages of History – by: Sheila Zerr, Chair

Pages to date:

There are 86 pages of history, 80 hard copy and 17 on the web site, Patricia Whalen the most recent web site addition. There are several web site pages 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"

Pages Under Development:

- Joan Doree – family information and consent needed
- Barbara Owen – family consent and information needed
- Pricilla Lockwood – will develop her page to be sponsored by Sue Forshaw
- Don Ranson – currently working on his page

Recommendations:

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

06. PROGRAM – by: Lenore Radom

September 16, 2018 was our big event for the year "Tea & Tales" where three authors were featured with their books and the BCHNS was presented the Award from the BC Historical Federation, documented in fall 2018 Newsletter & on the website Blog.

07. Membership – by: Suzanne Forshaw

The membership went down from 2017.

IN 2017 THERE WERE:

Full Members:	41
Affiliate Members:	9
Student Members:	7
Honorary Members:	7
Total:	64

One died in 2017

IN 2018 THERE WERE:

Full Members:	38
Affiliate Members:	8
Student Members:	5
Honorary Members:	7
Total :	58

No one died in 2018

08. Parks Canada Nominations – by: Nan Martin

ETHEL JOHNS (1879 - 1968)

Pleased to announce that the Ethel Johns plaque is now installed in the patient park outside of UBC's Acute Care Koerner Pavilion. Unveiled by the current UBC Director of Nursing, Elizabeth Saewyc, it gleamed in the afternoon sun of February 26, 2019. Several members of our society attended this special event followed by refreshments in the UBC School of Nursing.

Glennis Zilm must be thanked for her vision and determination (it has taken years of waiting) regarding this nomination and the Military Nurses noted below. I have left it in again this year in case you missed it.

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 www.bcnursinghistory.ca for full information about the day including a link to a video of this memorable event

09. Website – by: Lenore Radom, Chair

Committee: *Lenore Radom [chair], Beth Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Stephens, Margaret Scaia.*

The website committee this year has kept up adding to all BCHNS current events as they have happened, mainly viewed on the Blog page, but also under Events, display pages. If you go to the Archive section you will see the updates of Biographical files, photos of artefacts and more. This was a new skill for Beth & Lenore to learn from our webmaster, which we are pleased to be able to take on.

A long “to do” list remains, but our webmaster has had a very busy schedule & difficult for us to coordinate time to address these issues. The main item we are waiting to address is the format of

what is now known as “Vancouver Monuments”.

We welcome Margaret Scaia joining the committee this year to chair the project for the collection of Nurse Monuments throughout the Province. Margaret has quickly begun her “hunt” & would appreciate anyone sending her information of any monuments you may have discovered in your area in BC.

Jennifer continues to update & manage the Facebook & Twitter sections of the website.

I apologize; I do not have an “activity traffic” report of our website for this report.

10. Memorial Book – by: Lynne Esson, Chair

During the year (2018), the History of Nursing Society did not submit any nominations to the Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of British Columbia Memorial Book. There were no nominations for the CNA Memorial book. Nominated individuals will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony and will be entered into the book.

This year the nominees for the NNPBC (Formerly the ARNBC) were:

- David John Davies,
- Maia Fillmore,
- Donna M. Higenbottam,
- Annie Stuart Keith,
- Flora Amelia Ross,
- Cynthia Stutzer

The above nominees were recognized during the NNPBC Awards Ceremony on December 17, 2018. These nominees were submitted independently of the HONS.

This year (2018) there were No nominees for the CNA Memorial Book

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- If you know of or hear of someone who should be nominated please let the Chair of the Committee know.
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11. Displays - by: Nan Martin, Acting Chair

Members: *Nan Martin with assistance from Linda Quiney, Geertje Boschma and Francis Mansbridge*

BCHNS Hall Glass Cabinet Display:

Pageant of Nursing History dolls donated by Sheila Rankin Zerr
This beautiful display remains in place. May change later this year.

UBC School of Nursing Hall Display Table:

- June to September: In Honour of Ethel Warbinek – Nursing History and Students
- September: UBC School of Nursing - Established in 1919 “Almost a 100”

- November: Remembrance “Nursing Sisters” display
- No Woodward lecture display – celebration of 50th year
- December: Christmas display
- January to May: UBC Nursing Centenary – “UBC in the 1950s and 1960s”
- March 14: Nursing History Symposium at beautiful Cecil Green Park House featuring Sheila’s St. Ann doll representing “Origin of Nursing Education”

Thanks to all who give their time to display information and history on behalf of our society and the UBC School of Nursing.

12. Friendship – by: Glennis Zilm

Since 2015, the Friendship / Fellowship Committee (a committee of one person) keeps in touch with members about important life events, such as birthdays, births, deaths, illnesses, by sending cards by Canada Post - or in some instances by email.

CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION:

- **Life members:** *Cards for birthdays, Christmas, and other important life events (illnesses, deaths of close family - spouse, close relatives, and such)*
- **Long-time active members**
- **Those for whom requests are made** by the members (especially for sympathy cards).

BIRTHDAYS / OCCASIONS - APRIL 2018 TO MARCH 2019

During 2018 / 2019, I sent cards or greetings as follows:

Life Members: *Beth, Naomi, Nina, Helen Shore, Sheila, Ethel*

April

- Easter Cards: (Nina, Shirley Stinson, Helen Shore)
- 18th: Lynne Esson (b. 1956)
- 20th: Beth Fitzpatrick

May

June 3rd: Helen Shore (1925)

July

August 8th: Sue Forshaw

September

October

- 13th: Thanksgiving and / or 31 Hallowe'en to life members
- 6th: Ethel Warbinek (1934)
- 12th: Nina Rumen (1927)

November

- 9th: Catherine Haney (b. c 1979 - she was 28 in 2017)
- 26th: Marjory Ralston (b. 1926)

December

- Christmas cards sent to life members
- 10th Shirley Stinson (1929)

2019

January

- 9th: Kathy Murphy (c)

February and March

Cards should have been sent to the following, but I was having health issues and I simply did not get these away! Sorry.

- St. Valentine's day cards (Nina, Helen Shore)
- 16th: Sheila Zerr
- 22th: Naomi Miller (b. 1927)
- St. Patrick's Day Cards (??? Nina, Naomi, Helen Short, Sheila [e], Beth [e])
- 3rd: Nan Martin (b. 1937)
- 9th: Lenore
- 26th: Don Ransom (b. 1937)

Because of my health issues, I informed Chair Kathy Murphy that I could no longer continue to serve. Sheila Oxholm has volunteered to take over this function. If approved, I will mail any extra stamps and cards to her.

My special thanks to Kathy Murphy, Lenore Radom, and Lynne Esson, who have strongly supported me throughout by sending cards or taking flowers or gifts on special occasions to life members (Nina, Helen Shore) or by arranging for celebrations with cake at the board meetings. I have really appreciated their help and support.

The Website is frequently updated with BCHNS activities especially on the Blog page, Displays & current events.

We add Pages of History as we get them and the ARCHIVES section has had many additions this past year of artefacts, and biographical files...so take some time & have a look! Go directly to www.bcnursinghistory.ca or www.facebook.com/bchistoryofnursing

Looking Back and Looking Forward

NICOLAS EL HAIK-WAGNER

“Do you think we can rest satisfied with what we have? It is good, yes, but not good enough. Now what are we nurses going to do about it?” This is the question posed in 1919 by UBC School of Nursing’s first Director Ethel Johns in an address to staff and pupils at Vancouver General Hospital. Dr Susan Duncan, Professor and Director at the University of Victoria School of Nursing, offered this quote in the conclusion of her keynote address and it resonated throughout the daylong History Symposium that the School’s Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry convened on March 14, 2019. Sixty participants sought to “look back and look forward” at the 100 years of university nursing education at UBC in the delightful setting of UBC’s Cecil Green Park House.

UBC alumna Dr Duncan opened the symposium with some critical reflections on the legacy of Ethel Johns and other leaders of nursing education and with the conviction that history may enlighten current issues and debates in public health nursing. As the themes of knowledge, leadership, and social accountability that have historically shaped the nursing curriculum continue to resound with nursing education today, Dr Duncan called for a more vocal advocacy in favour of the BSN program and for the voice of nurses to be stronger in media. Increasingly moving towards social justice-oriented education and practices, drawing on feminist and postcolonial critical perspectives, and learning from Indigenous perspectives may be steps to include in defining a common agenda for Canadian nurses in the twenty-first century.



Nursing archivists Francis Mansbridge and Nan Martin chat with Tassia Teles S. de Macedo, PhD Student (UVic).

In the panel that followed, a number of former and current faculty members shared their experiences and reflections about nursing knowledge and practice. Professor Emerita Dr Joan Anderson discussed the culture of scholarship in the 1980s. She showed how both qualitative and quantitative paradigms developed into legitimate methods of scientific inquiry. Drawing on life stories, obtained through ethnographic research, she sought to better understand the social determinants of health and how the sociocultural context shapes the context of suffering. These new theoretical developments were a response to a new immigration and multicultural context and to a shared conviction about the need to provide equitable health care to everyone. This philosophy also informed the theorization of UBC Model of Nursing, which was the subject of Dr Geertje Boschma’s presentation. In her comments, Dr Boschma developed the context within which nursing laid claim to the cultural rules governing science, research, and theory development, and highlighted the need not only to understand the “what” of behaviours, but also the “how,” as well as the essential subjective meaning humans attach to critical periods of their lives.

The next presentation took up this theme and expanded on learning from clients’ lived experiences and resilience in a description of Wellness Wednesdays. This initiative was developed within the context of the Primary Health Care Course. In their presentation, UBC Clinical Associate Frances Affleck and UBC Instructor Ranjit Dhari showed how this innovative program offers students an opportunity to provide general health information to underprivileged communities. “It helped me to humanize these communities we learn about theoretically,” one of the BSN students explained.

Students were at the heart of the workday experiences of Marion Clauson, Senior Instructor Emerita and nurse educator for almost 40 years. She offered her perspectives on the evolution of nursing education from the 1970s to the present, expanding on her involvements in hospital, college, and university-based programs. She recounted how developments in clinical learning helped her become a “guide on the side rather than the sage on the stage for students.” The development of distance and online learning further fostered this learner-centred approach in Canadian nursing education. Sheila J. Rankin Zerr, who was involved in teaching complete computer-based courses at UBC in the 1990s, and PhD Candidate Catherine Haney reviewed these pedagogical strategies in a stirring presentation. Sheila recounted how she shared the development of a comprehensive national television teaching and learning initiative from the 1980s, while Catherine reflected on the student-centred and multisensorial aspect of these developments.

Passion was a recurring theme on everyone’s lips, and it is indeed with a renewed enthusiasm and determination that our panelists and guests will continue crafting a plan for today and tomorrow’s nursing education.

Barbara Owen(Nee Sinclair) 1929- 2016



Barbara Owen's life and career demonstrate exemplary leadership to the community, to the Royal Jubilee Hospital (RJH) and to the RJH School of Nursing, Alumnae. She was born in 1929 in Melbourne, Australia. Barbara graduated from in September 1952. As her nursing career evolved she became the highly respected Head Nurse on the RJH Mother/Babe and Case Room Units. After retirement Barbara dedi-

cated her leadership and organization talents to the RJH School of Nursing Alumnae. She served as President 1960-1962 and again 1995-1998. Her legacy can be seen in the projects she was instrumental in planning and completing.

In the early 1980s Barbara and her classmates realized that the heritage 1909 Pemberton Memorial Chapel was slated to be removed from the site. They were motivated into action and with Barbara's leadership sought city and hospital and classmate support. Twelve years later the multifaith Chapel was open for spiritual support to patients, family and visitors.

Barbara's next challenge was to address the accumulation of the school of nursing memorabilia, nursing records and equipment that had gathered during the school years from 1891 to 1982. In 2006, the School of Nursing Archives, in basement area under the Pemberton Chapel officially opened to receive and preserve the treasured memorabilia.

In 2008, again with Barbara's leadership and the assistance of Alumnae members and a retired Horticulturalist, a beautiful healing garden was created in the space close to the Pemberton Chapel. Today, patients, friends and visitors can enjoy the beauty of the gardens.

Barbara's dedication to her family was exemplary. Her husband died in 1963 leaving her to raise five children on her own. She returned to full time nursing in 1968 once her children were in school. She continued to provide leadership and inspiration to her nursing colleagues and practice.

Barbara's inspiration and leadership has left the RJH School of Nursing with a lasting legacy to preserve the past and to enrich the community through worship and a healing garden.

In Honour of Priscilla Lockwood RN, MSN

Priscilla built on earlier careers in education and media production and pursued a career in rural nursing which had a base in emergency nursing practice (Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver 1983-1988) and which supported rural nursing education and practice in both community (Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council 1988-1999) and hospital settings (Tofino General Hospital 1999-2008).

Langara College, Vancouver (Valedictorian, 1982) and the University of British Columbia (1986) formed the basis of her nursing education. She also completed her Emergency Nursing Certificate (BCIT) and the CNA Emergency Nursing Specialty. She completed her MSN through distance education (University of Phoenix, 2004) and was inducted into the International Honour Society of Nursing.

In the 1990's Priscilla was an active and founding member of the Executive of the local RNABC Chapter and was appointed to the Board of Governors of North Island College. In the 2000's, she served as a reviewer and item writer for the CRNE licensing exam process, a Practice Advisor helping develop a rural nursing curriculum in BC, a Coordinator for the TGH Education-Development Project, and in 2011 assisted in development of an Aboriginal TB management curriculum representing A.N.A.C. From 2009-2013 she worked part-time as a term paper marker for the Langara Nursing Department.

Priscilla is a founding member of the Rural Nurses Association (CARRN) and of a special CNA Environmental Nursing Committee structured for the CNA Centennial. In 2008 Priscilla was named the rural nursing recipient of the CNA Centennial Award, presented to 100 nurses across Canada in honour of the CNA Centennial Year.



Jessie Middleton (nee Lee) passed away peacefully on May 22, 2019 at the age of 102.



The youngest of 12 children, she was born and raised on the family farm in Murrayville BC. She entered the nursing program at the Royal Columbian Hospital and graduated in September of 1939 just one day after Canada declared war on Germany. Eager to serve her country, Jessie joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in 1942 and nursed injured soldiers both in Canada and England. She considered this work as "the greatest privilege for me".

A service in celebration and remembrance of Jessie's life will be held at 2 pm on Friday June 7th at Trinity Memorial United Church in Abbotsford.

To read Jessie's full obituary and find out more about her remarkable life as a Canadian nursing sister, here are some links:
<https://www.abbynews.com/obituaries/jessie-annie-middleton-nee-lee/>
<http://elinorflorence.com/blog/canadian-nurses-wartime>

Q: What drew you to express an interest in joining BC History of Nursing Society

As a newcomer to nursing profession, learning about the history of nursing really interests me because nursing comes with such a rich history full of overcoming challenges and adversities. It is my wish that being involved with the BC History of Nursing Society would allow me to gain wisdom from the great nurses before me, which could enrich my nursing practice. I also hope to contribute to the society by sharing my experience as a newcomer to a nursing profession.

- Ki Han(Sam) Song . History UBC Nursing Student Class of September 2018



EVENTS

18 September, 2019: Verna Huffman Splane Public Health Nursing Lecture

- Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue
- Keynote Speaker: Mike Villeneuve, CEO, Canadian Nurses Association

14th November, 2019: 2019 MARION WOODWARD LECTURE

- UBC Robson Square
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Richard Booth, School of Nursing, Western University Arthur Ibbatt School of Nursing
- Reflects on the future of Nursing Education and Prac-

Nursing Sister Maxine Bredt receives a Quilt of Valor

Joanne Whitelaw, daughter of the late June Newton, sent us an e-mail telling us that her mother's friend and fellow nursing sister Maxine, had recently received a Quilt of Valor. Maxine, a graduate of the Royal Jubilee Hospital served with her classmate June at hospitals in Italy and England during World War II. The mission of the Quilt of Valor Society is "to ensure that injured Canadian Forces members are recognized for their service

and commitment to our country. We give this support through the presentation of quilts to comfort our past and present Canadian Forces members." To learn more about the Society visit <https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/about-qovc.html>

Maxine was thrilled and honored to receive a quilt. Joanne plans to visit her mother's friend later in the month and will share more pictures with us.



Recognize a Nurse WITH A PAGE OF HISTORY

The "Pages of History" project was established in 1998 as a means to honour individual nurses and their careers. Recognize a nurse with a Page of History.

Tribute can be paid to any nurse (living or 'in memory of') by placing a Page of History on the BCHNS Website.

You can recognize a colleague, remember a friend, establish a memorial, give a graduation present, or honour yourself by developing a one page tribute to the nurse of your choosing.

By making a \$50 donation, and with signed permission, your page will be placed on our website. The application & consent will be preserved in the archives at the BCHNS UBC Office



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