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MONICA FRITH GREEN (1917 - 2004)

By Glennis Zilm

Honorary Member Monica Green died in Victoria on December 28, 2004. She was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, but her family moved to Vancouver, and she took the six-year nursing program at the University of British Columbia, graduating with a B.A. in 1939 and her Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing in 1940.



After graduation, she joined the Provincial Public Health Nursing Service, and worked in the Okanagan and in Creston. In 1944, she graduated from the University of Michigan with a Master's degree in Public Health Nursing. She returned to B.C. as a Consultant in Public Health for the Provincial Public Health Nursing Service and, in 1948, she was appointed its third Director. Under her direction, the provincial service grew and expanded, introducing, among other advances, one of the first post-hospitalization home-care programs in Canada. She held the position until her retirement in 1976.

Mrs. Green was active in her professional associations and was, among other positions, president of the Canadian Public Health Association. In 1967, she was named Honorary President of the American Public Health Association and, in 1968, was made an APHA Fellow. In 1975, she received the Award of Merit from the B.C. Branch of the Canadian Public Health Association for her outstanding contributions to public health services and public health nursing.

She then launched a post-retirement project to write the history of Public Health Nursing in the B.C. Provincial Government Jurisdiction. The well-researched and well-illustrated book, *Through the Years with Public Health Nursing*, was published in 1984 by the Canadian Public Health Association and has become a classic reference for nursing historians.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sheila Zerr

We invite you to join us on April 18th for the B.C. History of Nursing Group's annual general meeting, 8:30-10:00 AM in the Lord Byron room of the Hyatt hotel. This will be our last meeting as a professional practice group of the Registered Nurses Association of B.C. (RNABC). Once the health professions Act (HPA) is in place and RNABC becomes the College of Registered Nurses of B.C (CRNBC) we will be asked to draw up a new constitution and bylaws. For a period of time we will be known as a specialty interest group until the Act (HPA) is finalized and the CRNBC establishes guidelines and directions for our future status.

This year, the RNABC annual meeting on April 18th and 19th will take place following the usual format. You can review the proposed program on pages 19 and 20 of the February 2005 Nursing B.C. magazine. At the time of the magazine's publication no resolution or bylaw amendments had been put forward for this year's meeting. If you plan to attend the last annual meeting of the RNABC you will have an opportunity to learn about the proposed changes that are ahead. Plan to attend the B.C. History of Nursing annual general meeting first, then stay for the RNABC meeting to learn about what our future holds.

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• MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005 •

• AT 8:00 AM •

• **B. C. HISTORY OF NURSING** •
• **15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** •

• Lord Byron Room—Hyatt Regency Hotel •
• Downtown Vancouver •

• 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast •

• 8:30-10:15 AM Annual General meeting •

• 10:15-11 AM Coffee and conversation •

• What's Happening? •

• A tribute to Honorary member **Monica Green** who passed away in January •
• Nurses dressed in historical costumes from the past •

• Door prizes •

• Come and congratulate **Ethel Warbinek**, this year's recipient of the RNABC •
• Award of Distinction. •

• Members are cordially invited to attend and bring a potential new member. •
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The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) Position Statement Promoting Nursing History (2004), developed with input from stakeholders, recognizes the importance of nursing history and encourages all nurses to preserve and share our history. The position statement describes CNA's position on scholarship, research and teaching nursing history. To view the complete document visit CNA's web site at www.cna-aic.ca.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Glennis Zilm

Membership figures for 2004 were a record-breaking 150 members. Year end figures were:

Honorary	6
Full	60
Affiliate	38
Student	46

Remember, your fees for 2005 now are due. Please check the address label on this issue of the *Newsletter*. If the figure beside your name says "2004," you need to renew now. (If you have renewed, and the label still says "2004," please get in touch with the Membership Chair and have her check her records; mistakes do happen.) Please make out your cheque to the B.C. History of Nursing Group, and mail it to the Treasurer at PO Box 72082, RPO Sasamat, Vancouver BC V6R 4P2.



HISTORY OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Congratulations to member **Linda Lemke, RN, BSN** of North Vancouver who is the recipient of a \$500 B.C. History of Nursing Group Scholarship. Linda is taking a historical methods course at UBC and will use the funds to support a research project in historical sociology.

Linda has provided us with a copy of one of her previous papers in which she analyzes a newspaper article written in 1963 describing the plans to open subsidized apartment suites for retired alumni of the Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing. Anyone interested in reading the paper please contact Kathy Murphy.

ESTHER PAULSON REMEMBERED

By Beth Fitzpatrick

A little more than a year ago the History of Nursing Group lost a dear friend, Esther Paulson. She often referred to the History Group as her family and we continue to miss her quiet presence and contributions to our meetings and events.

Recently, when clearing out some files, I came upon letters from Esther that I had saved. I treasure them as they show her personality, wit and style. Esther had an incredible memory for events, names, places and circumstances. For example, she was able to point out the location of a Vancouver private hospital where I was born and she could even recall the name of its director.

Esther loved to receive small gifts such as home-made jam and cookies. These were appreciated as she was a good cook and was proud of her Swedish baking. At Christmas she willingly shared her cookies with friends. She always sent a cheery thank you note to show her appreciation. She loved gardening and growing flowers and cared for a large garden in West Vancouver and later in White Rock.

Esther Paulson remembered the History of Nursing Group in her will with a gift of \$5000. The executive voted to deposit the money into the Archival Development Fund and to use these funds for an activity that will honour Esther Paulson's contribution to nursing. It will also ensure her valuable collection is preserved in our archives.

IS YOUR NAME HELEN?

In an article titled *The Helen Files* by Anita Dubey (Nursing Leadership, Volume 17, No. 4 2004) biographies of three Canadian nursing leaders, all with the first names Helen, are profiled. (Helen Carpenter, Helen Mussallem and Helen Glass.) Dubey notes that "these women had much in common: doctoral degrees from Teacher's College at Columbia University years before that became the norm, senior roles in institutions of influence in nursing, vision about what nursing's contribution to health in Canada should be, and style."

Dr. Helen Mussallem's contribution to nursing continues as she celebrated a milestone 90th birthday with a gala party at the Sage Bistro, University Centre, UBC on January 8, 2005.

NEWS FROM THE BC HISTORICAL FEDERATION

The BC Historical Federation's quarterly journal has a new name: **British Columbia History**. In the newly designed issue (Vol. 38 No.1 2005) there are several items of interest. An article by Bill Miller describes the difficult journey to the Klondike gold fields taken by members of Canada's standing army accompanied by four **Victorian Order of Nurses**. A book review of *Bloody Practice: doctoring in the Cariboo and around the world*, written by Sterling Haynes and published by Caitlin Press in 2003, is reviewed by History of Nursing Honorary Member **Helen Shore**. The Federation's Annual General meeting will take place May 12-15 in Kelowna which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Beverly D. Leipert, RN Ph.D.

As I reflect upon the history of the contributions of our profession to the advancement of human civilization, I am reminded of the many achievements of nurses, often in extreme, isolated, and under-resourced environments. Nurses have truly made a difference to the quality of life and the health of people, wherever they have lived and worked.

Recent research that I conducted in northern BC reveals that northern women highly value the work of nurses in these isolated settings (Leipert & Reutter, 2005). Nurses are seen as "approachable", valued for their "holistic approach to health" and for the time, respect, education, validation, and problem-solving skills that they bring to women clients. Women in the study also speak about the creativity that nurses bring to health promotion activities. For example, as a way to honour and celebrate women's value and beauty, public health nurses in one northern community held an unfashion show. This was a fashion show without the need to dress in new or high fashion clothing; rather, women modeled clothing they felt comfortable in, to music they had selected and to

commentary that they had written about themselves and their lives. This type of creativity reveals the sensitivity that nurses bring to care, and their awareness of cultural norms, expectations, and preferences. In summary, my study reveals not only the vulnerabilities to which northern women are exposed, but also their hardiness and resilience (Leipert, 2002). These vulnerabilities, hardiness, and resilience strategies also apply to northern nurses – most of whom are women. Further research to articulate the vulnerabilities, hardiness, and resilience of nurses in isolated settings, not only in the present but also in the past, would help us better appreciate the remarkable profession that nursing is.

As I think about our history, it saddens and concerns me that much of our history remains unexplored and undocumented, and that our history is slipping away as we lose the more senior members of our profession. Thus, I wish to make a plea that we not only document the past, but that we also record our history in the making. For example, nurses are stepping off into the exciting frontier setting of outer space (Leipert & Bushy, in press). In this isolated and remote environment, nurses are making history. They are often providing the human touch in a setting that is highly technologized. They are assisting in the treatment and prevention of physical health issues such as muscle atrophy, cardiac deconditioning, bone demineralization, and sleep pattern disturbances. Nurses are also bringing their expertise to psycho-social issues such as claustrophobia, isolation, loneliness, the development of cultural sensitivity and safety, and the provision of gender sensitive care. Nevertheless, in spite of the many valuable contributions that nurses, and women, bring to the space setting, history reveals that they have been and continue to be marginalized from in-depth contributions to space endeavors (Nolen, 2002). Thus, it is even more important to document the history-in-the-making activities of nurses and women now so that we can prevent the loss of this important part of our history, learn from the present, and influence the future.

Nursing has lived and continues to live in challenging times. Our history - past, present, and future - affirms nursing contributions to the success of human endeavors – sometimes because we invited ourselves to the party. It is an honour to be a member of this hardy and resilient profession.

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ELIZABETH TURNER HONOURED BY HER FAMILY

By Sheila Zerr

A six inch Kewpie doll, dressed in a nurses uniform (circa 1920s) of the St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B.C., has been given to the B.C. History of Nursing Group. This valuable antique doll has been part of the Turner family for many years. Margaret (Turner) McGowan of Victoria, donated the doll to the history group in honour of her sister Elizabeth Turner (1911-1936). Elizabeth's niece Bernice, Margaret's daughter, donated Elizabeth Turner's nurses' cape to our uniform collection.

Elizabeth Turner entered St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Victoria, B.C. in 1929 at the age of 18. Unfortunately, she contracted Tuberculosis in the course of her training. Elizabeth spent a year in Vernon Villa, a Tuberculosis hospital in Victoria. She was able to graduate as a nurse in 1932. In 1933, or early 1934, she went to Tranquille Sanatorium, near Kamloops, for further treatment. She died February 28, 1936 and was buried in Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria.

The B.C. History of Nursing Group have placed a "page of history" in their archival album in memory of Elizabeth Turner. The "Kewpie Doll" bearing Elizabeth's image, in her 1920s uniform, will be shown with our historical displays in her honour.



Kewpie Doll dressed in a nurses uniform, a tribute to Elizabeth Turner.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Glennis Zilm has been named to the National Advisory Committee of the Museum of Health Care at Kingston (Ontario). The Museum, which is housed in the Nurses' Residence National Heritage Building, is one of the largest museums in Canada devoted solely to health care artifacts and archives. Although it focuses mainly on local and regional history, it also serves as a "national resource" for health care history in Canada. Glennis has also joined, as an individual member, the Coalition of Canadian Health Care Museums, which is attempting to coordinate and share information about the institutions across Canada that are taking an active role in preserving the history of health care.

Sonya Grypma, who teaches at the University of Lethbridge and who first joined the Group a few years ago as a student member, completed her doctoral dissertation last year. She is now taking post-doctoral studies at the University of B.C. School of Nursing to continue to pursue her history of nursing research on

Canadian nurses in China 1888-1947. Her interests include the Canadian nurses in civilian internment camps in China under the Japanese 1941-1945.

Diana Bright, of Naramata, B.C., was a student member while at the University of British Columbia. She now has joined as a full member. She has started work on a project related to early nursing in the Okanagan, especially the Grey Nuns who brought nursing care to the area. She works at Penticton General Hospital as staff nurse. If you have any information, you can get in touch with her through e-mail at starbright@shaw.ca.

Member **Yvonne Haney** is featured in an article "Born Leaders" in the February issue of Nursing B.C. In the same issue President **Sheila Zerr** has written a Letter to the Editor concerning our Award Winning Website.

The January 2005 issue of Touchpoints (UBC School of Nursing), edited by **Dr. Sally Thorne**, honors three of our members: **Dr. Verna Huffman Splane**, **Glennis Zilm** and **Dr. Geertje Boschma**: Verna for her pioneering work in health care policy, Glennis for her contributions to the preservation of health care history in Canada, and Geertje for her historical research and writings. Any members wishing to receive Touchpoints can contact the UBC School of Nursing at 604-822-7417 or go to www.nursing.ubc.ca.

COMING EVENTS

St. Ann's Academy Interpretive Centre in Victoria, the former provincial house for the Sisters of St. Ann in Western Canada, will present an exhibit on the role of the Sisters of St. Ann in Health Care (opening **May 18, 2005**). The exhibit, which will run through the Summer, will focus on three main topics: the founding of St. Joseph's Hospital (Victoria) by the Sisters of St. Ann and their role in establishing formalized health care in Victoria; the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing; and the Sisters of St. Ann's role in Health Care throughout B.C. and the Yukon.

The Interpretive Centre is in a nationally and provincially designated historic building it and its six acres of grounds are now a heritage site administered by the Provincial Capital Commission. While most of the building has been renovated to modern office space, the area around the historic chapel has been historically restored and houses the Interpretive Centre. It is located at 835 Humboldt Street, Victoria. Phone for hours and more information: 250-953-8829.



Come and join us at the April 7th Executive meeting! We will meet at **3 PM** at the **Ladner Museum and Archives** located at 4858 Delta Street, Ladner. Featured will be a tour of the museum and a display of the "Gertrude Richards Ladner" memoir, a 1905 Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital uniform and graduation pin and a beautiful cup and saucer, painted by Edith Carr, Emily Carr's sister. The cup and saucer was given to Gertrude Ladner when she was in training.

After the tour the Executive meeting will take place in the Museum boardroom 4-6 PM. For those able to stay, we will meet for supper next door at Uncle Herbert's Fish and Chips where the CAHN 2006 conference planning committee will hold their dinner meeting.

Planning for the future without a sense
of history is like planting cut flowers.
Historian: Daniel Boorsten



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Book Review

By Glennis Zilm

"Walking in White Shoes: Nurses Stories." (2005). By the Malispina University College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduation Class of 2005. Nanaimo: Malispina University College School of Nursing.

This excellent collection of short reports was based on interviews with 34 B.C. nurses about their careers and work. The interviews were done as a history-of-nursing-class project by students in the third year of the Malispina University College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in Nanaimo. Because the material obtained was so appealing and gave such fascinating glimpses into the variety of roles that nurses have performed, the class decided to compile them into a magazine-size book to provide information on nursing careers.

Although the nurses who were interviewed are not named (for privacy reasons), the interviews give fascinating images of nurses' work from about the 1950s to the 1990s. This is an interesting collection for anyone interested in nursing history. A copy is available in the RNABC Library.

News from the Helen Randal RNABC Library

Joan Andrews, Library Manager, recently notified us that there are now five *Nursing History Special Collections* in the Helen Randal Library. These are the

RNABC Memorial Book
B.C. Nurses Biographical Files
B.C. Nursing Oral History collection
B.C. Nursing Pages of History
and the
Memorial Nursing Portrait Collection

IN PRINT

Nightingales: The Extraordinary Upbringing and Curious Life of Miss Florence Nightingale. Author: Gillian Gill. Ballantine Book (Random House) September 2004, ISBN 0-345-45187-2 Hardcover, \$39.95 Canadian.

Several editorial reviews of this book can be found on the web. Visit www.amazon.com and search books. An excellent review by Carol Helmstader appears in the February 2005 Margaret Allemang Centre Newsletter.

Fever Hospitals and Fever Nurses, A British Social History of Fever Nursing: A National Service. Author Dr. Margaret R. Currie, University of Luton, UK. February 2005 248 pages Hardback ISBN 0-415-35164-2 40 pounds, Routledge, Taylor & Francis.

This book is the first in-depth account of the development of fever hospitals and fever nursing, mainly in 19th and 20th century Britain. To order this book on line visit www.routledge.com.

Boschma, G. and Nadine Kozak *Faculty of Nursing on the move: Nursing at the University of Calgary, 1969-2004*. Calgary: University of Calgary Press, March 2005. ISBN 1-55238-112-9, 344 pp. \$39.95

This book provides an historical analysis of the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary in contrast and comparison to the broader evolution of academic nursing in Canada.

Walsh, J. and Beaton, M. *From the Voices of Nurses*, St. John's NL: Jespersen Publishing 2004. ISBN 1-894377-10-9, 161 pp. \$14.95.

Thirty-three nurses who graduated before 1950 were interviewed about nursing in communities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. The stories give insight into the commitment and strength of a generation of nurses over a 60 year period.

Burnaby Brings Back A 1920's VON Nurse

By Glennis Zilm

This summer, if you visit the Burnaby Heritage Museum – a trip back in time to the 1920s – you might just meet an actor portraying one of Burnaby's first nurses. Every other day, one of the Museum's volunteers will don a replica of a Victorian Order of Nurses uniform from 1920 and stroll the Village streets to talk to visitors.

At the Executive meeting in March, Lynda Maeve Orr, assistant programmer at the Burnaby Village Museum, described her research in developing a costume and character to do the role. The VON nurses for this large municipality came to the area in the time period portrayed in this historic village, so Mrs. Orr believed that adding this character to the Village actors would be highly appropriate. She also believed that the actor could do a little teaching to visitors – for example, about the importance of hand-washing to prevent to influenza epidemic that had swept through the world in 1919.

In a brief and entertaining talk, Mrs. Orr described the amount of background research necessary to prepare one of the Village's actors to do their improvisational role. She also described the research involved in creating an authentic replica of the VON uniform of the day. She wore the uniform during her talk, and showed the replica of the leather nurse's bag of the day that had been re-created – for a modest \$600. Her background degree in history and women's studies helped her understand the importance of accurate details. She also helps design some of Burnaby's school programs that the Museum arranges.

A highlight of the presentation and discussion was the opportunity for Mrs. Orr to meet Helen Mussallem, an Honorary Life Member of our Group. Dr. Mussallem worked as a VON nurse during the 1930s, and remembered and described the contents of the typical black bags of the day. She also later served as chair of the VON's national board of directors.

The Burnaby Heritage Museum is open from May through September. For more information, or to check which days the "nurse" will be on duty, call 604-293-6501 or check the website at www.burnabyvillagemuseum.ca.



**Lynda Maeve Orr,
dressed in a replica
of a Victorian Order
of Nurses uniform
from 1920, and Dr.
Helen Mussallem.**

Update: CAHN/ACHN Annual Convention

The annual conference will be held in Ottawa at the Library and Archives of Canada from June 16th to 19th, 2005. The conference offers an opportunity to attend the opening reception of the Museum of Civilization's exhibit: Nursing: The Caring Profession on Thursday evening, June 16th and to tour the exhibit on Friday, 17th with the curator, Tina Bates. Saturday will be a day of papers and presentations followed by a reception celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Canadian Nurse. The conference will end Sunday at noon.

Archivists from the Library and Archives of Canada will give us an update on the nursing collection which was transferred from CNA House in 1998, and information about how to access these resources and donate materials to the archives. There will be a bus to and from the Novotel hotel to all conference sites. The hotel is a 20 minute walk from the Library and Archives, past all the major government buildings, and is located beside the Ottawa Convention Centre and Rideau Shopping Centre, and a block from the Byward Market.

Copies of the new history of nursing text: *On All Frontiers: Four Centuries of Canadian Nursing* edited by Christina Bates, Dianne Dodd and Nicole Rousseau will be available to purchase. For the first time, the Hannah Lecture will be open to the public and simultaneously translated. (See below for more information).

The papers selected cover a variety of interests on nursing history from methodology, biography, practice, education and educational technology. There is definitely something for everyone!

Social Events at the Meeting

This year our annual meeting will celebrate the opening of the first major exhibit on the history of nursing in Canada, *Nursing: The Caring Profession*. CAHN/ACHN participants are invited to the opening reception Thursday, June 16th and will tour the exhibit Friday June 17th with the curator, Tina Bates. This will surely set the stage to reflect on our past. Tina will be the guest speaker at our banquet on Friday evening, June 17th at the Novelette Hotel when she will share her journey that brought this exhibit from idea to reality. The exhibit will run at the Museum from June 17th 2005 to September 4th 2006.

CAHN/ACHN is honoured to be part of the centenary celebrations of The Canadian Nurse. Did you know that our journal shares its anniversary with Macleans Magazine? The reception planned on Saturday evening will celebrate 100 years of publication of our national journal as well as act as a kick off for the celebration of The Canadian Nurses Association centenary in 2008.

Sponsor a Student

CAHN/ACHN is committed to promoting the study of nursing history at Schools of Nursing across Canada. This year we are encouraging individuals and groups to sponsor a

student to the Annual Convention. Here is an opportunity to encourage nursing students to become interested in their past and how that informs our present and future developments within the health care system. Teachers, do you know a student who has shown an interest in nursing? Parents, grandparents, do you have a son or daughter, a grandchild who is interested in following in your footsteps? For just \$100.00 (plus \$50.00 for banquet) you could promote the development of nursing history and help nursing history become a viable part of nursing education.

Hannah Lecture for the History of Nursing.

Dr. Margarete Sandelowski, the Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor of Nursing at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill is this years Hannah Lecturer. Her keynote address on Friday, June 17th will be open to the public and available in both official languages. Dr. Sandelowski has incorporated historical methodology in most of her research about reproductive technology and nursing technology. The intriguing title of her talk, Making Matter Mean (Meaningful): The Material World of the Nurse. Her discussion will consider the objects and equipment used by nurses and the important contribution of material culture and technology studies to the history of nursing. Dr. Sandelowski is the author of numerous books and scholarly papers. She is most widely known for her book *Devices and Desires: Gender, Technology and American Nursing*, published in 2000 by the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Press. She has published in prestigious journals such as *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* as well as nursing journals. She is the director of the Annual Summer Institutes in Qualitative Research at the School of Nursing, Chapel Hill, an Associate Editor of *Research in Nursing and Health*, and North American editor of *Nursing Inquiry*. At the present time Dr. Sandelowski is principal investigator of a study examining analytical techniques for combining the findings from qualitative studies in health related areas. Her work is funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health.

Register now for this important conference! The registration fee (received before May 10, 2005) is \$200 Canadian. For further information visit the CAHN/ACHN web site at <http://www.cahn-achn.ca/> where you can download a registration form or contact Carol Helmstadter, at 34 Chestnut Park Road, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1W6.

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and kindle the ideas of tomorrow.
Dwight D. Eisenhower



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MARGARET S. NEYLAN (1924-2005)

Margaret Sarah Neylan RN, MA passed away peacefully on March 18, 2005 at Vancouver General Hospital. Margaret was born in Manitoba and during her nursing career worked in Brandon, Montreal, White Plains (New York) and Vancouver. She pioneered the development of numerous nursing programs and was an advocate for health professionals, elders and patients needing psychiatric care. Margaret was elected to two terms as President of the RNABC. In her 60 year career she earned several recognitions including the Jeanne Mance award from the CNA and the Lieutenant Governor's Award of Recognition for Women of British Columbia. She was currently working on projects involving palliative care for elders and medical support for survivors of the tsunami in Sri Lanka. Condolences are extended to the members of her family.

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

April 7, 2005 3 PM Tour of the
Ladner Museum and Archives, 4858
Delta Street, Ladner. followed by the
Executive Meeting, 4-6 PM.

April 18, 2005 8:00 AM B.C. History
of Nursing 15th Annual General
Meeting, Hyatt Regency Hotel,
Vancouver.

April 22, 2005 Reserve for the
Spring Afternoon High Tea

May 6, 2005 2-4 PM A Spring
Afternoon High Tea, Hycroft, 1489
McRae Avenue, Vancouver.