

HISTORY HAPPENINGS: BCHNS E-NEWS

SPRING 2014



GREETINGS AND HAPPY SPRING!

“The first day of spring is one thing,
and the first spring day is another.”
~ Henry Van Dyke ~

As you get out your calendars and begin planning for spring outings please join the BC History of Nursing Society members at the following events:

BCHNS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: April 24 2014

Time: 4:30-7:30 PM

Place: CRNBC Board Room 2855 Arbutus Street
Vancouver BC

Potluck finger food supper after the meeting.

BCHNS LUNCHEON EVENT co-hosted with the UBC School of Nursing Consortium

Date: MAY 17TH 2014

Place: VANCOUVER LAWN TENNIS CLUB
1630 West 15th Ave, Vancouver

Cost: \$35.00 Please make cheque payable to
BCHNS. Mail to 10095 No.5 Road, Richmond, BC,
V7A 4E4 **RSVP by May 14**

11:30: Wine or cocktails available for purchase
1200: Program introduction and Buffet Luncheon
1300: Dr. Geertje Boschma followed by Guest
speaker

*Dr. Margaret Scaia,
University of Victoria*

**“Working Professionalism: Nursing in
Calgary and Vancouver, 1958-1977”**



Honorary member Nina Rumén chats with Catherine Haney, recipient of the first Nina Rumén Bursary. Nina now resides at **South Granville Park Lodge 1645 14th Ave. W. Vancouver. B.C. V6J 2J4**. She welcomes cards or visits.



CAHN CONFERENCE

The BC History of Nursing Society will once again be well represented when the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing meets in Toronto June 11-13, 2014. The preliminary program now out and shows that **Lydia Wytenbroek**, former one of our student award winners and now pursuing doctorate at York University, is co-chair of the conference. Six of our members are presenting papers. As well, at least one other member, **Glennis Zilm**, is attending the conference to root them all on.

Margaret Scaia, University of Victoria who will be our lunch speaker in May, is presenting a paper provocatively entitled "Educating Nurses, 1958-1977: Indentured Servitude or Canary in the Emancipatory Birdcage?" **Sheila Rankin Zerr**, University of British Columbia, is presenting another report related to her ongoing work on nursing in Canada's north entitled "Oral Histories Examine the Challenges Faced by the Nurse in Canada's North: Millicent Colman's Story." And **Susan Armstrong-Reid**, University of Guelph is presenting a paper related to her new research related to the work of the Society of Friends (Quakers) in China during World War 2: "A Marriage of Convenience: Nursing with the China Convoy, 1941-46."

The closing session will feature a panel presentation by three of our members and related to historical research methodologies and how oral history and qualitative research can work together. **Catherine Haney**, University of British Columbia, will focus on "What is Critical in Critical Oral History Research?" **Geertje Boschma**, University of British Columbia, will discuss the interesting question that has challenged many researchers: "How Many Oral History Interviews?" And **Jennifer Stephens**, University of British Columbia, will explore aspects of "Multicultural Oral History: What Does it Mean?"

For further information, see the program at <http://cahn-achn.ca/annual-conference/>.



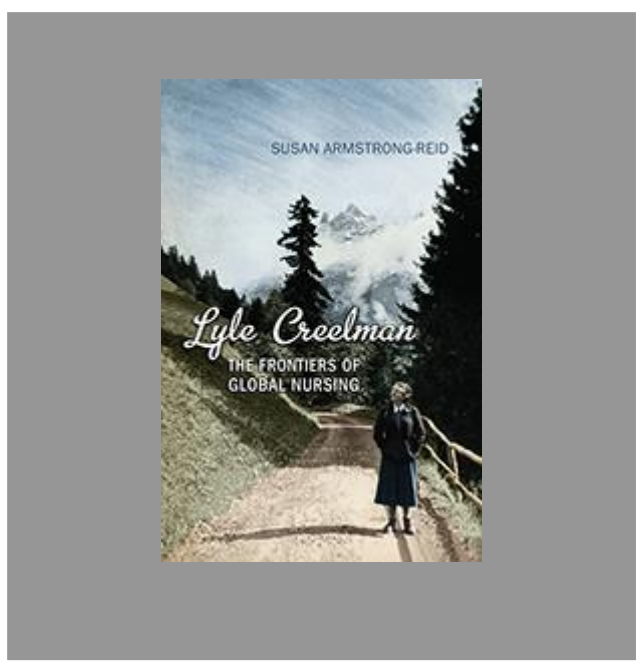
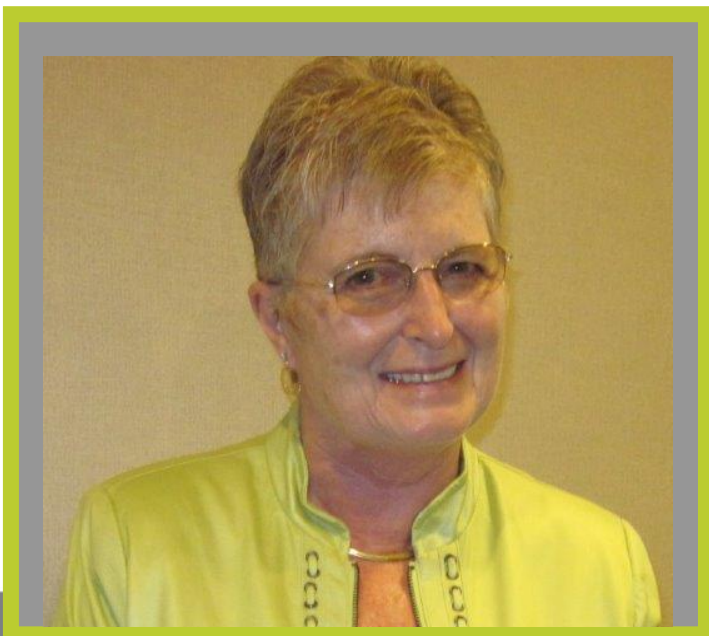
This is the 60th anniversary year of the Public Health Association of British Columbia. BCHNS member Sharron Higgins, an RJH graduate pictured above, was recognized for her work in this expanded field of public health nursing practice. Sharron jump started the health promoting schools movement in the Capital Regional District and in British Columbia. With a strong career as a Public Health Nurse she encouraged many school and community workshops on the nature of inclusiveness, engagement, and community development. Sharron worked collaboratively in school district 61 to foster a comprehensive school health model within the education community. In many school districts in BC, educators from various disciplines followed Sharron's leadership that would benefit many children and families in the ensuing years. Congratulations Sharron!

LYLE CREELMAN The Frontiers of Global Nursing

A new and long-awaited biography on BC nurse-turned-international-nursing-leader Lyle Creelman was released in February. Historian author Susan Armstrong-Reid had joined the BCHNS when she began her research into Creelman's life several years ago. At that time, she was working on her previous book, titled *Armies of Peace* related to Canada's contributions to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency immediately following World War 2. That work had featured the stories of several BC nurses, and Armstrong-Reid was delighted to learn of the rich resources being gathered by the BCHNS.

The new book, *Lyle Creelman: The frontiers of global nursing*, is a thoroughly-researched, well-documented book that explores not only Creelman's life, but how a single nurse can affect global health history and leave a lasting footprint. The detailed analysis and academic slant make it appealing for scholars of Canadian history, women's issues, and medical and health history. But the central biographical story will have a wide appeal to nurses across Canada. The hardcover book was published by University of Toronto Press and is available in an electronic edition as well. For more information see Amazon.ca.

Submitted by Glennis Zilm



Reminders

If you have accidentally forgotten to send in your membership dues for 2014, now is the time to write that check (\$40.00) and send it off to our Treasurer, Sue Forshaw. (See the photo to your left.) You can also visit our website membership page and renew online using PayPal.

You can receive the latest Society news and updates by visiting our website and joining our e-mail reminder list.

Working People: A History of Labour in British Columbia
This groundbreaking three-part series shares the amazing stories of workers, industries and events spanning three centuries of British Columbia's history. Featuring more than 1,000 images from over 80 archives, museums and private collections, these films bring the province's past to life through historical photographs, archival footage, music and sound. Originally airing the end of March, be sure to watch the Knowledge Network for repeats of this interesting series.

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BC Historical Federation Annual Conference

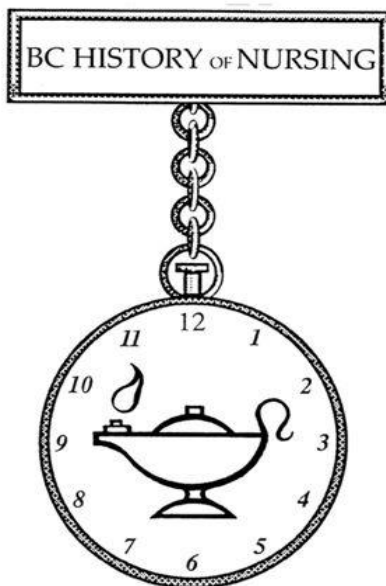
June 6-7, 2014

Location: Cloverdale: Surrey's Historic Centre

Presented in partnership with the Surrey Historical Society

“Cloverdale, a historic gem in Surrey with a rich heritage was named for the abundance of clover that blanketed the area.”

If you would like the registration package mailed to you, please contact Ken Wuschke 604-855-9822 or Barb Hynek 604-535-9090. You can also visit the Federation's web site and download a registration package (bchistory.ca/conferences/2014).



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