

# SAANICH ARCHIVES

Fall 2008

*Saanich Archives collects and preserves archival material relating to the Municipality of Saanich.  
We welcome donations of photographs and other records that document the heritage of Saanich.*

## New Acquisitions

Saanich Archives is grateful for the following recent donations:

- Portrait of John Irvine, Sr.
- Saanich Centennial Book, "100 years 100 stories", signed by dignitaries and guests attending 1st anniversary and Library-Archives Partnership Celebration on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- Photographs of the Askey/ Fieldhouse families, available online
- Craigflower School 1931 reunion photograph, available online



*McKenzie Ave. School classroom (2008-016-006)*

## Events and Happenings

The Saanich Archives is pleased to announce the addition of a display case in the foyer of the Saanich Centennial Library. Exhibits will change on a monthly basis, and will provide an opportunity to view some of the many treasures in our collection which are not normally on display. The themed documents and artifacts will give a glimpse into Saanich's fascinating history!

- October – Women's History Month
- November – TBA
- December – TBA

## From the Vault

Archives staff are always working to make our records more accessible, and to make the public aware of what is available in our archival holdings. The following are collections that have recently been processed and are available for viewing in the reference room:

- Goward family collection – 1 album containing 80 photographs; photos now available online
- Oral history collection – 92 interviews made between 1976 and 1990 and recorded on audio cassette have been digitized and are now available as mp3 files in the archives; finding aid and clips will be available on the website soon
- Clerk's Office Agreements, 1906-1946 - contracts and documents relating to the construction of roads, purchase of lands, oaths, regulations governing soldiers' homesites, and expropriation notices; finding aid available
- Gordon Head Airport Proposal - records relating to the proposed Gordon Head Airport, 1945 to 1949; finding aid available
- Petitions – petitions relating to the District of Saanich including a liquor licence for the Cadboro Bay Hotel Company, 1912; finding aid available



*Bernard Goodwin Goward and Mary Beale Goward, ca. 1910 (2007-054-014)*

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Visit our website to search photographs online

# Women's History Month

October is Women's History Month, and the Saanich Archives is hosting an exhibit to honour a few of the many women who have made great contributions to our community. Visit our display case in the Saanich Centennial Library foyer to view photographs and information on:

- Mileva Todd
- Martha Rudd
- Nellie McClung

If you would like to find out more about these and other fascinating women from Saanich's history, feel free to continue into the Archives. Staff are available to answer any questions.



*Claire Yardley, Jean Mutter, Nellie McClung and Mrs. Will Bird at Lantern Lane, 1949 (2008-010-002)*

## *DID YOU KNOW?*

- ⊕ In the 1890's, a rollercoaster was built on Mt. Tolmie (it was destroyed by fire a few years later)
- ⊕ The Saanich Archives is located on what was once part of the Rowland Farm; Matthias Rowland came to Vancouver Island on the Norman Morrison in 1850
- ⊕ The population of Saanich in 1911 was 6,026; today, there are approximately 110,000 residents

# Reference Room

In addition to exhibits of archival material, subject and pioneer files, news clippings, directories, photographs, maps, oral history transcripts, and finding aids to our archival holdings, the public reference room in our new facility features an excellent collection of books on local and B.C. history. The Saanich Archives encourages visitors to sit and browse our nearly 1500 books!

Our latest titles include:

- 100 Women of the British Columbia Women's Institute, 1909-2009
- Servite in Caritate: The First 100 Years of St. Margaret's School, 1908-2008 (Deidre Simmons)
- Royal Oak Burial Park: A History and Guide (Dave Obee)
- Making the News: A Times Colonist Look at 150 Years of History (Dave Obee)
- Among My Souvenirs: Martha's Story – Her Letters, Some Legwork and a Little Guesswork (Frances Howey)
- Date Your Ancestors: Photos and Fashions 1840-1914 (Joyce Mogg)



## Archives Orientation

New to archival research? Join us on a Wednesday morning for an orientation session. Tour the archives, explore the collection, and learn how to use our reference files and finding aids.

Every Wednesday at 10 am

Approx. 45 minutes

Drop in

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