

**FRIENDS OF BARKERVILLE**  
**Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society**  
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**OPENING DAY IS MAY 9TH**

We have had quite a lot of snow this winter and by the looks of it, we will have it around for a long time – maybe we will still have snow banks even in June!



Barkerville is gearing up for another busy year; the merchants are busily preparing by ordering stock, looking for staff and getting telephones hooked up, etc.



The Friends of Barkerville will be continuing to offer Memberships with an Annual Pass to the townsite, and will also be continuing our Shares program to raise money for the refurbishment of the Canadian Claim Mine (below).

So don't forget to come in and get your claim share certificates and help us with this worthwhile project. We will again have a gold nugget draw at the end of the season  
*(photos by Cathy Eisma)*



## EXECUTIVE

President: Doug Perdue 250-747-1695

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**OTHER DIRECTORS:** Lana Fox, Robert Grady, Andy Motherwell, Dave Jorgensen, Rick Galbraith, Jim Gorsline, Larry Gardner, Dianne Dagneau.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** The Friends of Barkerville-Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society (commonly abbreviated to FOB) has its registered mailing address as P.O. Box 4152, Quesnel, B.C.V2J 3J2. FOB staff is in the Barkerville Hotel (mid-May to end-September), phone 250-994-3360. In the off season, contact any executive director. Our e-mail address is: [friendsofbarkerville@barkerville.ca](mailto:friendsofbarkerville@barkerville.ca). Our web site is: [www.barkerville.bc.ca](http://www.barkerville.bc.ca)

**MEMBERSHIP:** A FOB membership application is invited from anyone wishing to share our enthusiasm for preserving, presenting and promoting knowledge, events and memorabilia of the original Cariboo Gold Rush and its hub city, Barkerville. Membership gives the member (i) a voice and a vote at the Annual General Meeting, (ii) opportunities to attend executive meetings, (iii) the right to run for office, (iv) discounts at associated historical attractions and businesses.

**DIRECTORS MEETINGS:** Most of our regular meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at @5:30pm in Quesnel. There will be a couple of meetings a year in Barkerville.

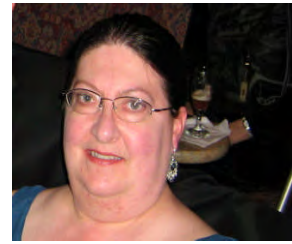
**MERCHANDISE:** The Friends of Barkerville offer souvenirs, gifts, historical books and memorabilia for sale from the Barkerville Hotel during the Town's open season and Christmas weekend.

**THE NEWSLETTER** is FOB's medium for presenting the society's mandatory publications and general news to members. It is published three times a year, exclusively to FOB members and free of charge. It is internet published on the FOB webpage, or is mailed to members without computers. The Editor is Cathy Eisma. Inquiries, letters and contributions can be sent directly to her at [ceisma@goldcity.net](mailto:ceisma@goldcity.net), phone 250-994-3283, or can be submitted to The Editor, c/o FOB. (See Contact Information)

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that spring is here already and that the store will be open soon. It has been a



quiet winter for me, staying close to home and watching the snow fall. We have had a record snowfall this winter (not sure what the official number is) and it is nice to be able to go into Quesnel and see evidence of spring popping up everywhere. The basement of the Hotel is silent now – no more carpenters working on their course downstairs. There have been ads placed in the newspapers for tenders to begin the process of replacing Barkerville's aging infrastructure. I am not sure if we will see evidence of ongoing work during the open season, but there will be lots of work going on – you can be sure.

The school program is slated to begin the first day we open – May 9<sup>th</sup> – and we can hope for a busy season. Despite the rising gas prices and our high Loonie, I am optimistic that we will still see our fair share of visitors. So – let's hope we see you soon in Barkerville!

## TRAILS REPORT – By Robin Grady



There is to be a hike on the 1861 Gold Rush Pack Trail this summer. It is to celebrate its 150 year since first used by miners to discover Williams Creek. The hike is being organized by Dave Jorgenson of Whitegold Adventures. He has put a form on his web site for those interested. It will likely be on July 11th to the 13th. There will be transportation from Wells to the start at the Keithley Creek end very early on the first day. There MAY be vehicles to transport gear etc close to selected overnight campsite. This will happen if there are at least two pickup trucks available.

Each day will consist of 13 - 18kms of HARD hiking. Weather and **BUGS** are always a given in this area so be forewarned. Due to a possible large group it will be up to each to provide for their own meals, camping gear etc. There will be cost involved per person to cover the cost of transportation and minor supplies. Prior to the hike it is hoped that FOB will have volunteers and if we have access to some grant monies some paid power saw persons to cover the trail and remove blow down as needed, also repair work on the campsites, and installing of signage. This will happen as the snow recedes and we have access to the trail. Anyone that would like to assist can contact me either at 250-992-2008 or at [lorettagrady@yahoo.com](mailto:lorettagrady@yahoo.com) (Robin Grady)

FOB is planning an outing at or near Barkerville on Saturday, April 30th. There are several short hikes, depending on weather and snow conditions. We can split up groups depending on caliber of shoer's. FOB will put a blurb in the Observer as the date gets closer. Snowshoers should bring a bag lunch, water and wide basket ski poles. Contact Robin (992-2008) or Dianne Dagneau (994-2392) for more info.

**MEET THE DIRECTORS:**

(I hope to profile a couple of directors in each upcoming issue. Ed.)

**Meet Larry Gardner**



Larry has been a member of the Friends for over 13 years. He has lived in Quesnel for thirteen years, and before that 18 years in Williams Lake.

He enjoys the historical aspects of Barkerville and is amazed at the pioneer spirit of the original prospectors, businessmen and settlers. Larry is also currently a director on the Board of the Barkerville Heritage Trust. Married, with one daughter, he is currently employed as a forester for West Fraser Mills Ltd. and is a graduate of BCIT and the Association of BC Forest

Professional Pupils Program. He enjoys hiking and the outdoors, which aligns well with all the historic roads and trails in the Barkerville area.

**Meet Andy Motherwell**

Andy has been a director for many years and has been a fairly regular contributor to this newsletter.



Andy has lived in the Quesnel area for over 59 years. He is married to Carol and has one daughter and 3 step-sons. They live on part of the original Bouchie land grant at Bouchie Lake. Andy holds a BSA and a Master of Education; he is a retired Principal and is part owner of a real estate firm, is a farmer and an historian who writes a history column for the Quesnel Observer. His latest venture is as an author of a new book published recently "Life at the Little Zipper Sawmill".

His interests are many: exploring the Cariboo by canoe, snowmobile, hiking and by vehicle. He also helped to get the MacKenzie Trail designated as a Heritage Trail and he continues to be active in land use meetings, as well as in the activities of the Friends.

**ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 5**

**ACROSS-**

- |                 |              |                |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 3. Wake-Up Jake | 28. Brew     | 12. Boyd       |
| 7. Beggs        | 29. Tin      | 15. Prancer    |
| 9. Barry        | 30. Stouts   | 16. Grimsby    |
| 10. Horses      | 33. Heron    | 17. Bloody     |
| 12. Bell        | 34. Dan      | 18. Davis      |
| 13. Begbie      | <b>DOWN</b>  | 21. Sophia     |
| 14. Moses       | 1. Bald      | 22. Stagecoach |
| 16. GoldFields  | 2. Ounces    | 23. Gold       |
| 19. Callanan    | 4. King      | 25. Vein       |
| 20. Captain     | 5. Murray    | 26. Knott      |
| 22. Saloon      | 6. Rose      | 31. Jones      |
| 24. Watt        | 8. Shamrock  | 32. Drain      |
| 26. Kelly       | 9. Blackjack |                |
| 27. Fire        | 11. Sentinel |                |

## **BARKERVILLE HOTEL**

*by Lana Fox*



The Friends of Barkerville and Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society's home is in the Barkerville Hotel. The Friends have been there since its opening in the spring of 2003. The Hotel was built in 1869. It has survived many alterations and structural changes over time and had its share of a few different owners. The last was Malcolm & Lottie McKinnon.



Photo from Lana Fox collection

This photo was taken somewhere around 1940-50. It may be hard to see but if you look closely there is a "Licensed Premises" sign attached to the second post (west side in photo) in front of the building. You can also see an Esso gas pump at the corner below the steps with some barrels to the side.

More about the Barkerville Hotel can be read in the Traveler's Site Guide to Barkerville Historic Town published by Barkerville and is available at the hotel and visitors centre. It provides historical facts of the town site and well worth reading.

This next photo is a later view of the Barkerville Hotel and Kelly store taken



Photo from Lana Fox collection

in July of 1962, four years after the town was declared a park in 1958. The sign hanging from the veranda says Barkerville Museum. Notice that the windows below the veranda are no longer there but it has a door entrance at the far left while the other door entrance at the far right is still being used.

Does anyone recognize the site in the next photo? It's about late 1940's.



Photo from Lana Fox collection

This is the location of where the new highway was built and near the first parking lot.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Snowshoe Hike – April 30<sup>th</sup> – [meet @ 11am at Barkerville – bring a bag lunch]

Barkerville Opening Day – May 9<sup>th</sup>

Quesnel Legion Home & Auto Show – May 6,7,8 (We'll be there!)

GoldRush Relay Race – May 22<sup>nd</sup>

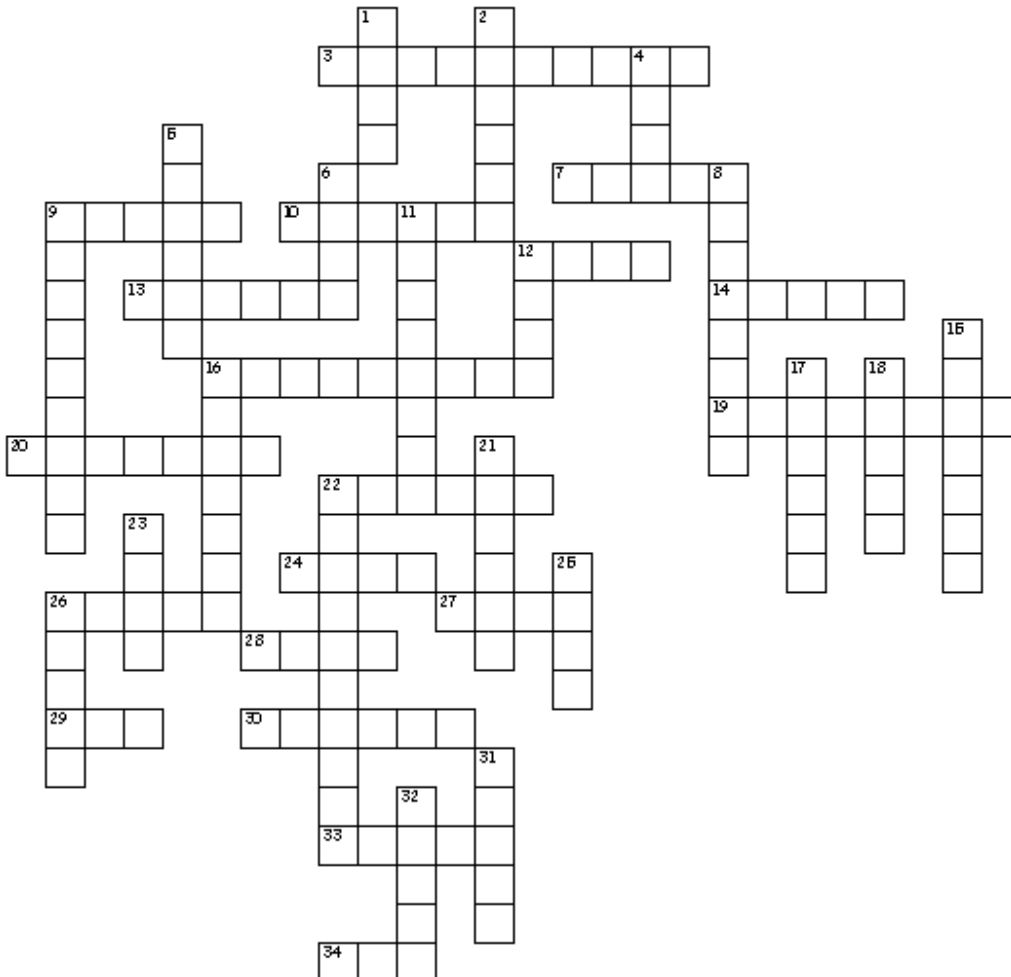
## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW BARKERVILLE AND AREA HISTORY

**ACROSS:**

- 3. restaurant in Barkerville
- 7. name of gulch
- 9. who murdered Blessing
- 10. pack animals
- 12. town doctor
- 13. Richfield Judge
- 14. he was murdered
- 16. name of bakery
- 19. town doctor
- 20. John Evans Title
- 22. drinking establishment
- 24. town doctor
- 26. bed & breakfast
- 27. what was started in Barkerville in 1868
- 28. Chartres is buried in cemetery
- 29. type of shop in Barkerville
- 30. name of a gulch
- 33. name of claim
- 34. name of trapper in Barkerville

**DOWN:**

- 1. name of mountain in area
- 2. gold weight
- 4. bed & breakfast
- 5. hikers walk it
- 6. Forest \_\_\_\_ claim
- 8. claim in between parking lots
- 9. name of canyon
- 11. Cariboo newspaper
- 12. he ran Cottonwood House
- 15. the town cat
- 16. find him at the waterwheel
- 17. nickname for Edwards
- 18. Red Headed \_\_\_\_
- 21. Cameron's wife's name
- 22. BX Express
- 23. what miners were looking for
- 25. a quartz \_\_\_\_
- 26. Johnny was the carpenter
- 31. Welsh miner
- 32. the Bedrock \_\_\_\_



## **BARKERVILLE-FRIENDS OF BARKERVILLE CARIBOO GOLDFIELDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL PASS**

For the Barkerville enthusiast in everyone! The **Barkerville-Friends of Barkerville Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society Annual Pass** is the best way treat yourself, your friends, and your family to the wonders of Barkerville any time of year. It is also a great way to help preserve Barkerville Historic Town for generations to come.

Each Annual Pass provides the bearer unlimited regular site admission throughout Barkerville's 2011 operating season (proof of identity will be required at time of entrance). The bearer of an Annual Pass may also bring up to four additional guests per visit and receive 20% off their regular admissions.

But wait... there's more! A **Barkerville-Friends of Barkerville Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society Annual Pass** automatically includes membership in the Friends of Barkerville Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society, a subscription to the society's newsletter, and the satisfaction of knowing that partial proceeds from the sale of every Annual Pass is applied directly to the Society's various fundraising and restoration projects throughout Barkerville Historic Town. A win-win situation for everyone, all at one low, low price. If you plan to visit Barkerville more than once this season, consider an Annual Pass... and thank you for your support.

<b>Individual Annual Pass</b>	\$30.00
<b>Couple Annual Pass</b>	\$60.00
<b>Family Annual Pass</b>	\$65.00

Listed rates include HST, and are subject to change without notice.

### **2011 MEMBERSHIP**

If you are a current FOB member, thank you. Think of a membership as a great gift to a friend. If you are a past member and have not renewed your membership in the last few years, here is your chance for the real Gold Deal.

Again we are offering members a chance to be part of the Barkerville characters by being a **“Legal Claim Jumper”** with the purchase of a share in the **“Canadian Claim Co.”** Presently the “Company” offer is \$5.00 per share, but FOB members may purchase shares for \$3.00 each. With the purchase of a share or shares, you name will be entered for the **gold draw** at the end of the season.

Additional shares may be purchased by members at the cost of \$3.00. Share documents will be mailed out with membership cards or, if membership is purchased at the gate entrance; they will be issued at the **Barkerville Hotel** when acquiring your new membership card.

Your share purchase dollars will be helping with the renovations of the **“Canadian Claim Co.”** claim, on the east side of Williams Creek just downstream from the Waterwheel.

Please find on the back page our application information, please allow us to have your email address as it helps us to be a little green and will save us a little green, which helps us to help keep Barkerville a living Museum for your children’s children to enjoy. Thanks once again to members past and present for your continued support of Barkerville.



**Barkerville Historic Town**  
**FRIENDS OF BARKERVILLE**  
**CARIBOO GOLDFIELDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 Annual Pass & Membership Form 2011



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Print Clearly*

**New**       **Renewal**

**Family (\$65)**

**Couple (\$60)**

**Single (\$30)**

Name: (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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                                 Surname

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Bring this Form to the Barkerville Hotel (Map #48) to Register Your Membership, or Mail to:*

**FRIENDS OF BARKERVILLE CARIBOO GOLDFIELDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**P.O. Box 4152**  
**QUESNEL, BC V2J 3J2**

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*PRIVATE OFFERING TO PURCHASE WITH YOUR ANNUAL PASS AND MEMBERSHIP (BY MAIL OR AT THE BARKERVILLE HOTEL) A ONE YEAR SHARE IN THE "CANADIAN CLAIM, Co.," LOCATED ON WILLIAMS CREEK ACROSS FROM THE WATERWHEEL IN BARKERVILLE.*

*SHARE CERTIFICATES WILL BE SENT TO YOU OR ISSUED AT THE BARKERVILLE HOTEL AT A COST OF \$3.00/ SHARE!*

**Please add to your membership fee if mailing in; we take gold dust, nuggets, cash, cheque, Visa or Mastercard.**

**NOTE:** Your contact information may be used by the Barkerville Heritage Trust and/or Friends of Barkerville to notify you of upcoming events and activities, but WILL NOT be used by anyone else for any other purpose.

***ITCHING TO VOLUNTEER? HAVE WE GOT SOME GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!***

Please phone 250-994-3360, or email [friendsofbarkerville@barkerville.ca](mailto:friendsofbarkerville@barkerville.ca) for more information.