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Fraser River Discovery Centre Newsletter • June 2010

New Westminster's Waterfront Economic Development Forum

by Catherine Ouellet-Martin

In April 2009, the Province of BC provided Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley Regional District with \$2.5 million for the *Experience the Fraser Project*. In September 2009, The City of New Westminister secured nearly \$25 million in federal, provincial and municipal funding to establish a *Westminster Pier Park*. And, this summer the newly renovated *River Market at Westminster Quay* is officially scheduled to reopen.

On June 24th from 4:30 to 6:30, we invite you to come to an engaging discussion with a panel of guest speakers on the rapidly changing waterfront landscape and economic climate and how it is generating exciting business opportunities around the Fraser River Discovery Centre. Speakers include:

Lisa Spitale, Director of Development Services, City of New Westminister

Mark Shieh, Director, River Market at Westminster Quay

Wendy DaDalt, Interregional Coordinator, Experience the Fraser Project

Seating is limited. Call the Fraser River Discovery Centre today to reserve your seat (604) 521-8401.



Bird Dreamer by Marilyn Atkey. The Discovery Shop features new artwork by artists Teresa Chow and Marilyn Atkey. Drop by to have a look!

Mark your calendars!

Sunday June 20, 1:00 to 3:30pm

Aboriginal Day at the Discovery Centre

Thursday June 24, 4:30 to 6:30pm

Waterfront Economic Development Forum

July 17-19, 10:00am to 8:00pm

FraserFest (Saturday - boat launch)

August 7-8, 10:00am to 4:00pm *Cultural Crawl*

Annual pass holders! Renew now and receive a FRDC t-shirt and \$5 Discovery Shop coupon. Not a pass holder yet? Call and sign up!

Volunteer Profile by Shannon King

Barry and Marg joined the FRDC volunteer team in January 2009 and have assisted with many outreach events since. Barry also dug into the research for *Build-A-Boat* exhibit and has been lending a hand nearly every Saturday to build the skiff in our gallery. Say hi to Barry and Marg if you see them at one of our many community events this summer! They'll be the folks with the big smiles!

"We moved to New Westminister Quay from Ontario 3 years ago. When the expanded FRDC opened, we decided to volunteer together, as this gave us a wonderful way to learn more about this remarkable river, and then share some of that knowledge with others."



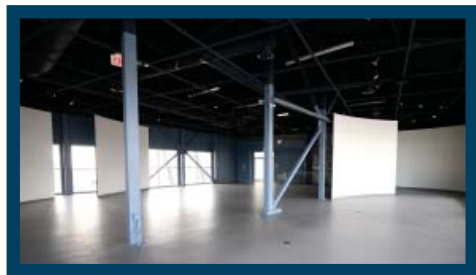
Barry and Marg McKee outside the FRDC.

Fraser Assembly by Kathleen Bertrand

On May 26 and 27, Shannon and I hit the highway for a FRDC road trip. Destination? The Fraser Assembly in Merritt. The conference was organized by the Fraser Salmon and Watersheds Program and it gave us the opportunity to meet people from all over the basin, each passionate about their work along the river. Over and over we heard how important it was for us to work together to bring these diverse stories to the public. What an opportunity for us here at the Discovery Centre! I left the conference, brimming with new ideas and charged up about the important role we play in sharing the stories of the Mighty Fraser.



Walking down for a tour of Nicola Dam at the Fraser Assembly.



The Fraser River Discovery Centre has a spectacular view of the Fraser River, and offers rental space for events and meetings.

Our Exhibits

The Ripple Effect

Feb 6, 2010 to March 27, 2011
Celebrating the difference one person can make.

Build-a-Boat: Wooden Boat Building on the Fraser

Feb 6, 2010 to Sept. 26, 2010
Help us build an 18' river skiff.

Did you know that one third of our revenue comes from donations? If you're considering making a donation to us, we'd love to chat with you. Please call us at 604-521-8401. All donations are 100% tax receiptable.

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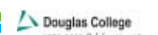
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