



President's Message

By Kathy Murphy

The first meeting of the new British Columbia History of Nursing Society was held in February 2009. The paper work has been completed and the officers and committee members of the Executive are continuing the work of the former Professional Practice Group.

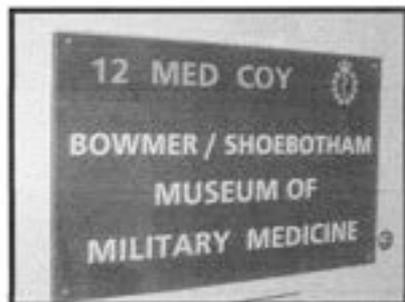
The first **Annual General Meeting** of the newly formed Society will be held on Thursday April 30th 2009 commencing at 4 PM at the CRNBC office. In addition to hearing the reports of the activities of the last year, the first **Recognition Awards** will be presented to June Newton and LCol. Adrian French to honour the work they have done to preserve nursing history in this province.

Following a light supper, there will be time to set out our new objectives for the year to come. Please consider joining us. For catering purposes please register before April 24 2009. (See page 2 for further information)

The Museum of Military Medicine

The Bowmer/Shoebottom Museum, located at 4050 West 4th Avenue in Vancouver, was visited by members of the BC History of Nursing Society and guests prior to the November 2008 executive meeting. The Curator and host, LCol. Adrian French, explained that the Museum provides safe and permanent storage for military-medical memorabilia relating to Canada's Armed forces in war and peace. Member Shirley Ridalls, a retired nursing sister, volunteers at the Museum.

Those who attended were absolutely amazed at the displays of uniforms, medals, war diaries, military books and pictures all housed in such a small space! The Museum serves as an encouragement for the relatives of those who served in the wars to donate these precious items to a place where they can be preserved for posterity. For more pictures see page 12.



BC HISTORY OF NURSING SOCIETY
FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday April 30 2009 TIME: 4 PM - 8 PM

PLACE: CRNBC BOARD ROOM 2855 Arbutus St. Vancouver

Program

1. AGM Annual reports and Recognition Awards
2. Supper break - \$15 pay @ door
3. Discussion of Ongoing Challenges

PLEASE RSVP by Friday April 24 2009 to facilitate catering and room arrangements. Notify Lenore Radom at lenoremail@shaw.ca or (604) 277-6782 or Kathy Murphy at k_murphy@telus.net or (604) 739-6931.)

For members who have already sent in their 2009 membership applications, we thank you! For those who have not done so, this will be the last issue of the History of Nursing News that you will receive. Visit our website (bcnursinghistory.ca) to print off an application form.

If you have recently sent in your membership, we may not have processed it yet, and we apologize for this reminder.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Members are Diana Bright, Lynne Esson, Beth Fitzpatrick (Chair), Naomi Miller, Ethel Warbinck, and Sheila Zerr. The **History of Nursing News** is published 4 times per year. Deadline for submissions for the next issue is **June 15th, 2009**. Please submit articles and news items to Lynne Esson (lynne.esson@nursing.ubc.ca).

CNA Centennial Awards

By Pricilla Lockwood

In November 2008 the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) presented its Centennial Awards to 100 very special Canadian nurses at a ceremony in Ottawa. The event was part of the association's year-long program of activities created to mark its 100th anniversary.

The awards honoured exceptional registered nurses whose work has had a positive impact on nursing and on the lives and health of Canadians. Recipients were nominated for the one-time-only award by their peers as a recognition of their contributions to the profession, the workplace and the health system.

BC History of Nursing Society members who received a CNA Centennial Award are shown in the photograph below. Left to right Jessie Mantle (Victoria), Irene Goldstone (Vancouver), Verna Huffman Splane (Vancouver) and Priscilla Lockwood (Tofino).



Editor's note: Verna Splane's closing remarks at the conclusion of the November 26 2008 award ceremonies were captured and recorded by Pricilla Lockwood.)

Verna began her address by expressing appreciation to the CNA for its work in designing and providing the activities of all the Centennial year celebrations. She noted it gave an opportunity for both nurses and all Canadians to reflect on and celebrate the work of nurses throughout the past 100 years. She also expressed thanks to the CNA on behalf of all Centennial Award recipients for its work in providing this special ceremony, award presentation and luncheon.

Turn to the next page to read a transcription of Verna's concluding remarks.

"The second thing I would like to say is that as each one of you came up and walked across this floor it was like a graduation. But, in any case, I thought about the hundreds of nurses who have contributed to the successful anniversary, (the hundredth anniversary), of the Canadian Nurses Association.

And in accepting the award, we, in fact, accept it on behalf of the hundreds who have gone before us.

And my final comment has to do with the coming to the end of the hundredth anniversary, this remarkable event.

We want to wish well to the Board, the President and the staff as they move into the second hundred years of the Canadian Nurses Association. How they shape it will depend on the commitment of the individual nurse, since the membership is made up of individual nurses.

So we wish them well as they tend to shape the second one-hundredth anniversary of the Canadian Nurses Association. Thank you for the privilege of speaking."

UBC School of Nursing is celebrating its 90th Anniversary at Alumni Weekend. The School invites alumni and guests to attend their annual Alumni Reunion Luncheon at Cecil Green Park House on Saturday May 23, 2009, from 11:30am until 2:30pm. Director Sally Thorne and Alumna Glennis Zilm are speaking.

Florence Nightingale Anniversary Rose

Submitted by Glennis Zilm

The Florence Nightingale International Foundation (FNIF), the premier foundation of the International Council of Nurses, is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. The Foundation is planning several exciting initiatives to mark this milestone anniversary, one of which is the release of the Florence Nightingale Anniversary Rose

This is an outstanding scented floribunda with the combined merits of beauty and steadfast vigor befitting Florence Nightingale's legacy. The Jackson and Perkins Company offer this rose in tribute to the founder of modern nursing. This is a Cause rose, meaning that 10% of the net sales of this commemorative rose will be donated to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation (FNIF) Girl Child Fund, a program dedicated to assisting orphaned children whose parent was a nurse and died as a result of contracting HIV/AIDS.

For more information about the rose and other anniversary initiatives visit www.fnif.org.



Book Reviews

MISSIONARY NURSES—LIVES OF ADVENTURE

By *Diana S. Bright*

Missionary nurses have played a great role in helping people in third world countries to achieve better health care and standards of living. Two of these nurses have recently written their autobiographies:

CAUTION REBEL NURSE AHEAD Hedy Reimer an Autobiography, and **Bush Nurse 10 Years of Adventure in the Mali Republic West Africa** the Autobiography of Margaret Rogers.

These remarkable women were both raised in devout Christian households. Hedy Reimer was born in Saskatchewan to immigrant Russian parents, moved to Drumheller, Alberta when very young and then again to Agassiz. She spoke only German until she went to school. Margaret Faith Rogers was born and raised in Vancouver. By chance, these two women attended nursing school at the same time at Vancouver General Hospital and graduated in 1954. In fact, there is a photograph of Hedy in Margaret's autobiography.



After graduation from VGH, Hedy worked at the MSA Hospital in Abbotsford until 1957, took post-graduate training in obstetrics at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, and then went to Haiti and worked at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital from January 1958 until July 1959. She found that most of the diseases could have been prevented with immunizations and proper nutrition. Superstitious practices stated that eggs and goats milk eaten by children would have evil consequences. Tetanus in newborns accounted for a high mortality rate. The cause? Cutting the umbilical cord with an earth-stained machete used previously to cut sugar cane.

Hedy pursued her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at UBC from 1959 to 1961. She worked as a Public Health Nurse in Abbotsford until 1963, and then went to Cambridge Bay which was 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Few doctors were ever present, so the nurses had to diagnose and treat the patients. Problems ranged from people being injured, to being toxic from drinking de-icing fluid (methyl alcohol), to combating an epidemic of influenza and pneumonia. For the latter, the Priest, Hedy, and another man made an old school room into a makeshift hospital. They moved the patients out of their igloos and tended them for the next two weeks. Hedy learned to "recognize my limitations, do all within your power and know that you are better than nothing when emergencies arise, and never forget to ask God's help and wisdom."

Hedy returned to Public Health in Mission and Langley from 1966 to the spring of 1968. A camping trip to Banff with the intention of "getting to know God" (p.69) in 1968 marked a turning point in Hedy's life. She traveled to California for the Campus Crusade for Christ Leadership Training Program, then to Costa Rica for a year of language training and on to South America in the spring of 1969 to serve as a nurse in Cali, Colombia.

Challenges in Cali were many—poorly educated staff, becoming a supervisor of the entire fourth floor in the University Hospital when her Spanish was still inadequate, overcrowded wards, theft of supplies, and extreme poverty of patients. She decided to live with a Colombian family to improve her Spanish and experience the culture. After six months at the University hospital Hedy started work at the Primitivas Iglesias Health Unit. She enjoyed running preventative programs such as "immunization, pre-natal, post-natal, well baby clinics, nutrition programs, and school dental programs." (p81)

On her time off, she visited a volcano several hours north of Cali, went by train to La Cumbre in the mountains, traveled to Laguna de la Cocha, 4000 feet up in the mountains, went horseback riding and was thrown and dragged with one foot still in the stirrup and got a fractured pelvis. She was transported back to Cali by plane. She also had a frightening experience on another trip with friends, of becoming lost and was stopped by soldiers. They had to bribe their way out of that situation! At the end of 1970, the mission said the financial situation would not let her keep her position and she went to work for CUSO (Canadian University Students Overseas) to find positions for volunteers from Canada. This meant traveling to Bogota, Colombia, Lima, Peru, to the jungles in Pucallpa, and into the high Andes in Peru, to Bolivia, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Cuba.

At the end of her CUSO contract she agreed to work for Hospital Christian Fellowship with headquarters in Voorthuisen, Holland. However, the rules and regulations were very restrictive, and she left after a short time to attend the Biblical Seminary in Fresno, California. Hedy was appointed a full time missionary in 1975 with the Mennonite Brethren Missions and Services. Her job was to work with the youth in a small church in Guadalajara, Mexico. She could not nurse as her license was not valid in Mexico. So she gave baking classes, had youth get-togethers for spiritual and fellowship interaction, and always opened her home to the young people. In 1985 Hedy returned to Canada after her mother died, to assist with her father. She returned to public Health in Agassiz. After retirement in 1991 she worked on the Missions Committee, helped with planning a Missions Conference each winter, joined the Senior Choir, and became a Deaconess in her church. Quite a life!



Margaret Rogers attended the Canadian Bible Institute in Regina for three years after high school graduation, worked in Eaton's department store, and then went to VGH for nursing school. As a young girl, Margaret had listened to a missionary from Mali, West Africa speak. She decided then and there to become a missionary. After graduation from nursing school, she headed to Paris to improve her French, and then enrolled in the Salvation Army Hospital in London for midwifery training. In December 1956, Margaret headed to Mali, and worked with the Bowmans, who were the senior missionaries there. The African name "Sannihan" which meant "celebration" was given to her by the African people because they said they were celebrating that she was the first nurse who had come to serve just them. Margaret, too, faced many challenges—having to learn the tribal language, superstitions and witch doctors, poverty and ignorance in her patients, and the desperate living and work conditions especially amongst the women.

Margaret relieved pain from fractured bones by improvising splints made from grass stalks, or providing a sling for a fractured shoulder. She reduced infant mortality from tetanus by educating women about cutting the umbilical cord with a clean knife and not putting on the mixture of manure, salt, leaves, and soot, (to dry it up) and by gaining the women's confidence and trust for their prenatal care and deliveries. Vaccinating for smallpox and yellow fever reduced the amount of disease and working out of the dispensary, she provided treatments for injuries and illness. Margaret also learned to perform eye surgery which relieved many patients who suffered from trachoma. She treated people who received snake bites walking along paths in the dark, and even amputated a woman's badly infect leg.

Upon discovering the women could not read, Margaret conducted classes for them to learn reading and mathematics and to study the Bible. She also taught them to sew using a needle and thread. In 1966 a Women's Conference was held with two hundred women an attendance. (By 2004, this Women's Conference had grown to fourteen hundred women attending.)

Margaret had hepatitis A in 1960 and again in 1966. After the second bout, she found that she was very weak and recovered slowly. She saw the opening of the new maternity building and went home on furlough in October 1966, returning in 1968. Margaret found she could no longer tolerate the heat and ended her missionary life in 1971 and returned to work at Vancouver General Hospital, first in the Ear, Nose and Throat Ward, and then transferred to the Maternity Labour and Delivery Suite.

Margaret made trips back to Africa to see her friends in Mali and her sister who was a missionary teacher in Northern Nigeria in 1978, and again in 2005. She was pleased to see the proficiency of the medical work being carried on, and the children grown with families of their own. Even though the rural missionary station of Sanekuy where she had spent many years, had television powered by solar panels, much of the villagers' lives remained unchanged. Women still ground grain with a mortar and pestle, and the men still used hoes to plant the fields. However, between six and seven hundred students went to school built by World Vision, and a new church had been built.

These two women, Hedy Reimer and Margaret Rogers, dedicated their lives to serving God and mankind. They met challenges and new experiences every day. They expanded their scope of nursing practice, and sought knowledge, to better serve their patients. They sought to bring joy and fulfillment to other people's lives and fought ignorance and evil. They are role models for all women who want to live life to the fullest.

Sources

Bush Nurse 16 Years of Adventure in the Mali Republic West Africa Autobiography of Margaret Rogers

Published by Trevor Simpson of @ Plus Digital Services Computer Sales & Service c.2006

CAUTION Rebel Nurse Ahead Hedy Reimer An Autobiography Self published c.1999

(Editor's note: Both of these interesting autobiographies are available in the BCHNS archives)

Place and Practice in Canadian Nursing History. 2008. Edited by Jayne Elliott, Meryn Stuart, and Cynthia Toman. Vancouver. UBC Press. 221 pages, illustrated.

Reviewed by Etbel Warbinek



This book consists of nine essays written by nine different authors. Each one portrays a different perspective and describes a unique location where nurses practiced. The nurses had the fortitude and courage to work in settings not usually sought during the 1800s to mid 1900s. These settings were primarily outside the walls of urban medical institutions. The authors explain how issues of place, gender, race, ethnicity, class and religion served to structure nursing.

The stereotypical view of nurses during the first half of the last century was that they were dutiful daughters, demure, feminine, and pious obedient workers in relation to physicians and men in general. However in these essays, nurses are presented as strong, independent, innovative women with a love of life, enjoying contacts with men. They were drawn to military nursing in WW1, Red Cross

Nursing, remote outposts and to the newly opened nursing mission in Winnipeg which cared for immigrant families. The reasons given for this were related to their gender and class – young, single, white middle class women who wished to escape the usual restrictions imposed upon them at the time. They were frequently driven to make a difference in the lives of their patients through the provision of health/nursing care and education. In the case of the military nurses, they wanted to serve their country and care for soldiers who were sacrificing their lives in pursuit of a better and safer world.

The authors also make a point of stating that some of the nurses included in these essays viewed themselves as superior to local inhabitants as shown by their attempts to instil cleanliness and to teach hygiene to school children. Others were more sensitive and tried to learn about the various cultures and participate in community/social activities.

An unique contribution is the inclusion of material on Aboriginal/Native and Inuit women and the positive encounters between them and early settlers. These women assisted with childbirth and provided care by their use of native healing practices.

Through all of these experiences, the nurses developed a greater sense of self and independence. However, it was not without its drawbacks, such as isolation from family and friends and the horrors of poverty and lack of proper medical care in war torn areas in Eastern Europe and rural Canada.

The last essay on University Education for Francophones in New Brunswick in the 1960s has a different focus, but deals with the valuable contribution of religious orders, especially nuns, in pursuit of education for French-speaking nurses as well as the interplay between nuns, priests, politicians and nurses.

This book is important in the preservation of the history of our pioneer nurses. The discovery of the letters and diaries describing every-day activities needs to be preserved as it may be a lost art in the world of computers. The contribution of our Aboriginal/Native and Inuit women to the health care in the North is a very valuable addition as are the accounts of the courageous nurses who practiced in those remote areas.

BC History of Nursing News Flashes

Membership by Genelle Liefso

As of March 18, 2009, membership figures are Honorary (5), Full (36), Affiliate (30), Students (23) making a total of 94.

Welcome to **Sue Knoll** of Vancouver. Sue is a retired BCIT peri-operative specialty nursing faculty and is the current historian for BC Operating Room Nurses group.

Jennifer Dunlop from Vancouver, a former student member, has joined the Society as a full member. Jennifer graduated with her MSN from UBC.

We welcome **June Newton**, (Vancouver) as an affiliate member.

Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing Archives/Museum, Victoria has joined the Society. This group is in the process of doing an oral history project focusing on career choices and development of various fields of nursing over the years. Graduates of RJH from 1940-1970 will be interviewed by Archives members and UVIC history students.

We also welcome all the student members who are sponsored by members of the Society and faculty from Schools of Nursing across Canada.

Financial Status by Sheila Oxholm

Balance sheet for BC History of Nursing Society as of 31 December 2008

Scholarship Fund - Assets

Cash on hand	396.86
GICs	27,892.65
Donations	2,630.25
Investment interest	762.50
	\$31,682.26

Disbursements

Scholarships	1,000.00
GIC Investments	3,000.00
	4,000.00

EQUITY **\$27,682.26**

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Archival Development Fund - Assets

Cash on hand	4,931.56
GIC investment	49,664.65
Investment Interest	675.64
Membership	3210.00
Donations	6,327.97
Miscellaneous	94.00

\$64,885.64

Disbursements

Administration	1,294.13
Newsletter	1,406.82
Web Page	5,904.58
Archivist salary	2,067.04
Archival supplies	530.55
Association fees	135.00
Insurance	275.00
Miscellaneous	260.51

\$11,878.62

EQUITY **\$53,007.02**

FROM THE CRNBC BOARD

"The History of Nursing Group, Rehabilitation Nurses Group, Emergency Nurses Group of BC, and the Neurosciences Nurses Group of BC have been given approval to disaffiliate as professional practice groups of CRNBC.

The funds held by each of these groups at disaffiliation, after payment of any outstanding debts in the name of the professional practice group and the return of unspent CRNBC annual operating grant money, if any) will be transferred to new organizations being formed by each of the groups."

Source: Nursing BC February 2009

**MANY THANKS TO
SHEILA OXHOLM WHO
HAD OUR OFFICIAL
CERTIFICATION OF IN-
CORPORATION SUITA-
BLY FRAMED!**

Displays at UBC by Glennis Zilm

Two new displays are up at UBC: The UBC Hall Display features "Medication Administration: Bits of History and Historical Artifacts." This features the collection of medicine glasses and feeders developed by Beth Fitzpatrick and given to the Society's Archives, with a few additions of artifacts owned by Glennis Zilm. This is a "repeat" display similar to one that was up in 2007 and will remain up until about May 1, when we may do another display on Lyle Creelman.

Glennis also redid the UBC Learning Centre Display in early March 4, taking down the display on the first use of the Red Cross in Canada (during the 1885 Riel Rebellion) and on the use of the "Universal Bandage." The mannequin had been wearing the Mrs. Miller uniform owned by Glennis Zilm. The new display discusses "Uniforms without Uniformity." The mannequin is dressed in UBC pink-and-white striped uniform and cap of the 1960s (from Ethel Warbinek) and contains pictures and information about early UBC uniforms and a photograph showing the new (2008) UBC student uniforms, which are navy "scrubs."

Archives by Don Ransom

Rapid progress is being made on digitizing our holdings. Soon a listing of the fonds and description of their contents will be ready to post on our newly designed web pages. Archivist Stephanie Kays is working with Sue Knoll, BCORNG historian, preparing a virtual exhibit for the web.

Members News by various contributors

A joint meeting of the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing and the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine will be held at Carleton University in Ottawa May 29 to 31 as part of the Social Sciences and Humanities Congress. Members of the B.C. History of Nursing Society who are presenting at the meeting are Margaret Scaia, Glennis Zilm, Carol Helmstadter, and Judith Young. The preliminary Conference program can be viewed at the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing Web site; click on Conferences, then on the 2009 program.

Barbara Bavinton is in Australia at the moment and has a contact who is opening some museum files in a small country town for her as she continues trying to track the early days of "one of my Pouce Coupe nurses."

Marg Gorrie is working on a research project with Geertje Boshma. The project is titled "Community Connections: The development of mental health services in New Westminster, 1950-2000".

Sonya Grypma been awarded the 2009 Lillian Sholtis Brunner Fellowship from the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. This will support some ongoing work she is doing on the history of missionary nursing in China.

The CAHN/ACHN International Conference held in Toronto in June 2008 was an outstanding success with approximately 120 registrants, representing over a dozen countries. BCHNS members attending were Sheila Zerr, Glennis Zilm, Helen Niskala, Geertje Boschma, Marg Gorrie, Sonya Grypma, and Marg Scaia. Affiliates Susan-Armstrong Reid, Lyn Kirkwood and Carol Helmstadter were there as well as students Nerrisa Bonifacio, Erica Roberts and Deborah Hamilton. For a full report on the Conference visit www.cahn-achn.ca and click on the Fall 2008 Newsletter.



Member Anna Tremere was guest speaker at the March 2009 BCHNS meeting. Anna remains a passionate advocate for the preservation of the Riverview lands and historic buildings. She showed a DVD/CD titled "Riverview - Past, Present & Future", which is 8 minutes long, produced by Mariette Pilon, with a French version available. This video is now posted on the city of Coquitlam's home page (www.coquitlam.ca) under What's New?

Anna suggested that the Society write a letter of support for the retention of the Riverview lands and send it to James Moore, Federal MP.

Glennis Zilm and Sheila Zerr gave a presentation – titled "Nursing Costume and its Role in Professional Identity" – for the Public Lecture Series, Alexandro Malispina Research Centre, Vancouver Island University (Malispina Campus), Nanaimo, B.C., on Thursday, March 12, 2009. This featured a Power Point presentation and incorporated an historical fashion parade with three members of the History of Nursing Society – Lenore Radom, Margaret Saunders, and Nan Martin – and some VUI faculty and students. There were about 25 in audience, and seven students in the parade. The presentation was well-received. Many of the slides used in the presentation can be viewed in the "Pageant of History" pages of the Online Exhibits section of our History of Nursing website.



Shown in the photograph left to right: Florence Nightingale (Dr. Cheryl Warsh), 1950's Royal Jubilee Hospital student uniform (student Michaela Torry), Jeanne Mance 1640 (Sheila Zerr), WWI Nurse (Nan Martin).



Inspired by a bird perched on the windowsill of a Vancouver hospital, nurse Elizabeth Clarke wrote the 1948 hit song *Bluebird On My Windowsill*. This was the first Canadian song to sell a million copies.

Jackie Ratslaff tells us that the song was the inspiration for the theme for a Donation Luncheon at St. Aidan's Presbyterian Church in New Westminster in the Fall of 2008. The children of St Aidan's sang the song through, then led the luncheon guests in a hearty rendition of it - everyone knew the words. It was delightful! For more pictures of the event, go to the picture gallery on page 12.

Photo Gallery



Visit to the Military Medical Museum



Archivist Stephanie Kays

Parade of Costumes



Nina Celebrates her birthday with Friends.



Bluebird on My Windowsill Luncheon



For Web Surfers

The Canadian Nursing History Collection Online website is new and improved. This searchable database is dedicated to the nursing collections at the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian War Museum. As an active site, it includes not only objects currently in the collections, but any subsequently acquired. While emphasis is on three-dimensional objects, associated photographs and documents often exist, and in a final phase of the website project, this important contextual material has been digitized and attached to the site.

The following will give you some idea of the types of material, and the terms you can use to find these items on the website.

cartoon or caricature

certificate or certificat

diploma or diplôme

document

instructions sheet or feuille d'instructions

invitation letter or lettre d'invitation

laundry list or liste de blanchisserie

leaflet or dépliant

letter or lettre

list or liste

manuscript or manuscrit

newsletter or bulletin d'information

notebook or carnet

photograph album or album de photos

photograph or photographie

poster or affiche

sheet music or feuille de musique

textile sample or échantillon de textile

Digitization of Canadian War Museum Collections

A final project to digitize collections, especially military nursing uniforms, at the Canadian War Museum has been completed. This will greatly enhance the visual understanding of the collections.

These projects were sponsored by financial donations, principally from the Canadian Nurses Association, but also from individual and organizational donors, to whom the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian War Museum would like to express their sincere appreciation.

Christina Bates Curator, Canadian Nursing History Collection, and Chair, Canadian Nursing History Collection Project Committee, Canadian Museum of Civilization

<http://www.civilization.ca/cmc/exhibitions/tresors/nursing/ncint01e.shtml> (English)

<http://www.civilization.ca/cmc/exhibitions/tresors/nursing/ncint01f.shtml> (français)

Honorary member **Dr. Helen K. Mussallem** has a website of her own. Created by her family, the site is designed for friends, colleagues and others to participate in writing her biography. You are invited to visit this interesting site and contribute by sharing your own stories of the influence that this beloved nurse had on your life or career. Go to www.drhkm.ca

Do you remember learning the concept of "Total Patient Care"? **Euphemia Jane Taylor**, usually know as Effie, was born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario and served as the Dean of Nursing at Yale University from 1935-1944. Throughout her career at Yale she promoted the concept of total patient care. For an interesting article on Taylor's teachings visit www.allemang.on.ca and read the January 2009 Newsletter.

Recent correspondence from Clare Kieman, Communications Coordinator at the UBC School of Nursing, alerted us to the creation of a legacy project, **Amazing Alumni Stories**, to celebrate the School's 90th anniversary year. Clare writes "The School is hoping to gather a wide range and expanding volume of accounts about our alumni, posting them on the web as an accessible resource through which students, faculty and alumni can connect with the School's history, learn about the accomplishments of our graduates, and showcase the untold stories over the decades of the School's history. BC History of Nursing Society members have access to many of these great stories and we would like to extend the invitation to your members for any submissions. The stories may be long or short, biographical or autobiographical, formal or informal. We don't require any specific format, but would hope that a photo could be provided to accompany the stories when available. If the individual is living, we would of course require their permission to post".

To preview the website and the submissions that have been posted thus far, please visit http://www.nursing.ubc.ca/About_Us/Alumni/Stories/.

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Volume 11 of the collected Works of Florence Nightingale, editor Lynn McDonald, is now in print. The most famous section of *Suggestions for Thought* is the essay Cassandra, famous as a rant against the family for stifling women's aspirations.

A new biography, *Florence Nightingale: The Woman and Her Legend* (London: Viking 2008), by Mark Bostridge is also now in print. This edition reportedly includes many unseen portraits of Nightingale.



IMPORTANT DATES

April 30, 2009 BC History of Nursing Society Annual General Meeting CRNBC Arbutus Street Vancouver. RSVP required. See page 2 for information.

May 11, 2009 Lyle Creelman Display, sponsored by the UBC School of Nursing and Special Collections and Archives. Place: Irving Barbour Centre, UBC Campus.

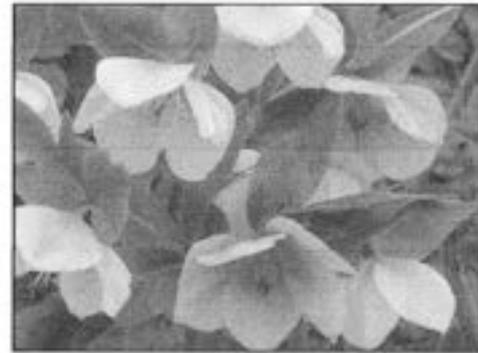
MAY 29-31, 2009 CHSM/CAHN Annual Conference, Carleton University, Ottawa. Register online at www.fedcan.ca/congress2009.

May 14-17, 2009 BC Historical Federation: Annual Conference. BCHF's Honorary Patron, the Honorable Stephen L. Point, will be awarding the Lieutenant-Governor's medal for Historical Writing at the opening reception on Thursday evening, May 14th at Touchstones, Nelson.

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June 11, 2009 BCHNS Executive Meeting, CRNBC 4-6 PM.

Spring flowers from the editor's garden. Enjoy!





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