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EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Photo by
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"It's a very great honour - a once in a lifetime experience we never dreamed we would have."

HoN member Rose Murakami and her brother Richard were selected from the local Japanese-Canadian community to meet Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko during their historic visit to BC. The choice was fitting as Rose and Richard had generously donated half an acre of land worth \$1.2 million to help build the 27-unit Murakami Gardens, Salt Spring's first affordable housing project. The Murakami family suffered greatly during 1940s and experienced widespread racism. But, in spite of this, they wished to honour their parents and thank the Island community. As Rose said: "I hope what we're being recognized for is giving back to our community and to be able to be positive about the many things that happened to our family on Salt Spring Island." She also said if she got the chance, she would tell the Emperor that "Canada has changed in term of being multicultural and making it more comfortable for people of colour to live here among citizens as equals."



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This memorable event was held on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at Government house in Victoria. It was touch and go as to whether Richard would be able to attend as he had been hospitalized prior to the visit. Fortunately he recovered sufficiently to make the trip to Victoria. The Consul-General of Japan, Mr. Seiichi Otsuka, learning of Richard's health problems, arranged for special vehicle access inside Government House. Rose and Richard were two of the few people personally introduced to the Emperor and Empress. "Then the Empress came over especially to talk to Richard again, said Rose and "I got to shake the Emperor's hand three times." They spoke to the 125th monarchs about the Murakami name which comes down from the seventh son of the 62nd emperor.

All of us in the History of Nursing Group congratulate both of you for this great honour so richly deserved.

SPECIAL THANKS TO MARY KITAGAWA, ROSE'S SISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING SOURCES.

- *Gulf Islands Driftwood, Duo has a brush with royalty, 7/15/2009.*
- *Times Colonist, Royal rapport, Saturday, July 13, 2009.*
- *The Province.com, Japanese Visit: Saltspring siblings set for historic honour, Thursday, July 9, 2009.*

WWW

HAVE A LOOK AT THESE WEB SITES

1 THE UBC SCHOOL OF NURSING

site has a series of Amazing Alumnae Stories in celebration of the School's 90th Anniversary. When you are there take a look at the In Memoriam as well.

www.nursing.ubc.ca/About_Us/Alumni/Stories

2 BC HISTORY OF NURSING SOCIETY

www.bcnursinghistory.ca

click on ONLINE EXHIBITS to see images from the archives: BC Operating Room Nurses Group.

3 THE HARD-TO-FIND "REPORT OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH" (Ottawa: CPHA, 1946), better known as the Baillie-Creelman Report, is now online.

The report was based on a major research study funded by The Canadian Public Health Association and CNA in the mid-1940s and used as a text in public health nursing courses.

Read this at:

[http://www.archive.org/details/](http://www.archive.org/details/ReportOfTheStudyCommitteeOnPublicHealthPracticesinCanada)

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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The BC History of Nursing Society Newsletter is published 4 times per year. Submissions are welcome. Deadline for the Winter Issue is November 15, 2009. Please send submissions to Beth Fitzpatrick: bethfitz32@shaw.ca

President's Message

BY KATHY MURPHY, PRESIDENT

As the trees turn colour and the temperature cools, the activity begins again. Many members were kept busy through the summer months working on various projects but our September meeting was devoted to highlights only and then a more detailed look at our current goals was undertaken.

- The new constitution and by-laws were reviewed: The new membership titles are being used and the roles of the Directors/Officers were clearly stated.
- The Committee structure required some discussion. Given the limited people resources, some activities may have to have more emphasis than others.

SUGGESTED STRUCTURE:

- 1) Finance
- 2) Archives which will include Biography, Oral History, Memorial Book Nominations
- 3) Communications which will include the Website, Newsletter, Pages of History, Publications, Displays (cases and conferences), Networking with other groups, Programs.
- 4) Ad Hoc: Parks Canada Nominations, Speaking engagements.

"MEMBERS WERE KEPT BUSY THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS WORKING ON VARIOUS PROJECTS"

- The development of the virtual museum will continue under the website.
- Several ideas were discussed regarding the increasing of the membership by 20%. One was to try and develop some group interest in communities outside the lower mainland.
- Monitoring the results of attendance at events will be considered as a basis as to where resources will be used in future.
- Fund Raising is an ongoing concern.

Ideas that were sent in were also discussed. It is understood that members who don't live in the metro Vancouver area are limited in their involvement due to distance so alternate methods need to be considered. Please don't hesitate to send in suggestions that include a budget as well!

A luncheon program is being planned for Saturday, Nov.14, 2009 so refer to the details in the newsletter.

BC HoN FALL LUNCHEON

DATE: November 14, 2009
 PLACE: Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club | 1630 west 16th, Vancouver
 TIME: 1130 - 2PM
 TOPIC: Leaving a Legacy: Humanitarian and Development Opportunities for Perioperative Nurses
 SPEAKER: Genelle Leifso, BCHNS membership chair
 COST: \$28

MAKE CHEQUE OUT TO BC HISTORY OF NURSING SOCIETY
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RSVP BY NOV 12TH! LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!!



Editor's Desk

BY ETHEL WARBINEK, EDITOR

It is always a pleasure to write about members who have been recognized for their contributions to nursing and to the community. Rose Murakami and her brother Richard, were chosen by the Japanese community to be presented to the Emperor and Empress of Japan at Government House in Victoria during their visit in July. They were selected for their generous gift of half an acre of land worth \$1.2 million to help build Salt Springs' first affordable housing project. An article on the Murakami Gardens on Salt Spring Island was featured in the October 2008 issue

An article in the July issue of the UBC School of Nursing touchpoints describes the remarkable career of Irene Goldstone; especially her work in HIV/AIDS care at St. Paul's Hospital and is reproduced in this newsletter.

A book review by Naomi Miller on the life of Major Matthews, the first archivist for the City of Vancouver Archives is of interest as his second wife, Emily Edwardes was a 1904 graduate of Vancouver General Hospital. Emily was honoured by the Major who designed and commissioned the beautiful stained glass window at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver. A note card featuring the window is available for sale from the B.C. History of Nursing Society.

Nan Martin's article - *Portrait of Nursing Sister Jean Matheson*, provides background information on the painting of Jean Matheson which hung in the lobby of the Jean Matheson Pavilion at Shaughnessy Hospital. It was removed when the building was remodelled. Nan describes the happy ending with the return of the portrait.

Hope to see you at the Lunch on November 14th. The speaker is our very own Genelle Lelfso.

Please continue to send in your news. Submissions are always welcome.



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2009 MARION WOODWARD LECTURE

HOW NURSES ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE HEALTH OF POPULATIONS: LESSONS FROM THE FRONT LINES OF CARE

Guest speaker Dr. Nancy Edwards, a nurse and epidemiologist, is the Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health. She is also an active member of the University of Ottawa as a Professor of Nursing, Director of the Community Health Research Unit, and Principal Scientist with the Institute of Population Health.

Using examples of programs and research from Canada and abroad, Dr. Edwards will highlight innovations being introduced by nurses to improve the health of populations. She will discuss the critical role of all nurses in strengthening health care systems and reducing health inequities.

YOU ARE INVITED, BUT PLEASE RSVP.

- Time: 7:00 pm with reception to follow
- Liu Institute, University of British Columbia
- 6476 NW Marine Drive, Vancouver
- To RSVP: (604) 822-1409 or ONRTS@nursing.ubc.ca
- WWW.NURSING.UBC.CA/RESEARCH/MARION_WOODWARD_LECTURE.HTM

PORTRAIT OF NURSING SISTER JEAN MATHESON (1872-1938)

BY NAN MARTIN, MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Jean Matheson was a dedicated Canadian career nurse of the early 1900s, whose roles as a nursing leader and particularly as a Nursing Sister during and following the First World War deserve recognition. She received the Mons Medal, the Victory Medal, the Royal Red Cross, and the King George Jubilee Medal for her wartime service. An early expert in the nursing of tuberculosis patients, much of her working life was devoted to caring for veterans at Shaughnessy Military Hospital. As Matron there from 1919 to her retirement in 1937, she was much loved by patients and staff. She died in Winnipeg in April, 1938. In accord with her wishes, she was buried in the Soldiers' plot at Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver, to be near "her boys" - veterans who had died at Shaughnessy.

In 1946, a building was erected at Shaughnessy Hospital to house veterans returning from the Second World War who suffered from tuberculosis. In recognition of her role in caring for tuberculosis veterans, it was named the Jean Matheson Memorial Pavilion and a portrait of Miss Matheson in uniform was hung in the entrance lobby. The Pavilion closed in 1994 and in 2006 was remodeled to become the Mental Health Unit of BC Women's and Children's Hospital/Health Centre. Despite protests, Jean Matheson's name and the portrait were removed from the building.

The BC History of Nursing Society wished to recognize Miss Matheson's achievements and, having recently obtained the portrait, searched for an appropriate place to display it. Glennis Zilm and I are pleased to report that the portrait now hangs in the reception area of Brock Fahrni Pavilion - 150 bed residential care facility under the administration of Providence Health Care. The Pavilion was built in 1983 on Shaughnessy Military Hospital site to house veterans who were moved out of the old Jean Matheson Memorial Pavilion. Although only 29% of the residents are veterans, the administration welcomed the portrait, so now Miss Matheson's spirit remains on the old Shaughnessy site where, as Matron, she cared for the veterans expertly and lovingly from 1919 to 1937. Ms. Marion Briggs, Site Leader, was very helpful in arranging this. I have contacted Veterans Affairs Canada (BC branch) requesting their assistance in the purchase of a small plaque to be placed beside the portrait.

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CAHN 2010 ANNUAL MEETING: JUNE 18-20, 2010 WINNIPEG "CONTINUITIES, CONTINGENCIES & FAULT LINES: NURSING 100 YEARS AFTER NIGHTINGALE".

A century after her death, Florence Nightingale continues to cast a long shadow over the History of Nursing, especially in the English-speaking world, where the Nightingale narrative long served as a basis for assertions of a universal body of knowledge and a unitary sphere of practice that justified nursing's professional claims. In the last quarter century, however, historians have increasingly turned their attention to illuminating the diversity of nursing practitioners, the contingency of nursing practice, and nursing's location within social, national and imperial projects.

The Canadian Association for the History of Nursing is pleased to announce "Continuities, Contingencies and Fault Lines: Nursing 100 Years After Nightingale" as the title theme for its 2010 Annual Meeting. The Program Committee invites proposals for papers which explore the diversity of practitioners who have performed caring work and laid claim to the title 'nurse'; the nature of their practices; and the ways in which ideas about nursing have been challenged, transformed, dissolved and reconstituted across space and time. Abstracts on other topics are also welcome. Abstracts must be received by February 15, 2010. For further information visit the conference web-site at: WWW.UMANITOBA.CA/NURSING/CAHNCONFERENCE2010





RAISING THE BAR: LEADERSHIP HISTORY IN HIV/AIDS CARE

“ONE OF THE UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT HIV IS THAT PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE ENTITIES; WE COLLABORATE TO SUPPORT THE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, TREATMENT AND CARE PEOPLE NEED ONCE THEY ARE INFECTED, AND TO ADVOCATE FOR THE PREVENTION OF INFECTION.”

Irene Goldstone, a longtime Adjunct Professor with the School of Nursing, has had a career with profound influences on nursing administration, education, research and policy related to HIV/AIDS care and harm reduction. As she prepares to retire as Director, Professional Education and Care Evaluation, British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Providence Health Care, we celebrate her accomplishments.

Irene began her career at the Royal Victoria Hospital School of Nursing, Montreal. This experience gave her great respect for nursing history which she pursued through her thesis, “The origins and development of collective bargaining by nurses in British Columbia, 1912-1976,” and through the 75th Anniversary Project of the Vancouver Metropolitan Chapter, RNABC in which 36 pins of schools of nursing were donated and placed on permanent display.

She was an instructor with the School prior to completing her Master’s Degree in health policy and administration at UBC. “Although I couldn’t have anticipated the HIV epidemic, this laid the groundwork for understanding the epidemic, its significance and how I approach my work. On completing the program I was appointed Director, Medical Nursing, St. Paul’s Hospital just as the first patients with AIDS were being admitted in 1982.” She takes pride in being part of the changes that have occurred in HIV/AIDS care over the past 27 years.

Establishing a palliative care unit at St. Paul’s was a major achievement. Because of her experience as a head nurse in a critical care setting at the Royal Victoria Hospital - one of the first hospitals in Canada to establish a palliative care unit, in 1975 – she has always been passionate about the issues around care of the dying. Irene served on Health and Welfare Canada’s *Caring Together Expert Working Group on Integrated Palliative Care (1986-89)*. “AIDS became such a challenging issue” says Irene, “and we had no effective treatment to offer. The need for a palliative care unit became critical; the BC Ministry of Health responded and St. Paul’s opened the first integrated cancer and AIDS palliative care unit in Canada.” During this time she monitored the outcomes of HIV/AIDS care and worked to address the gaps in care. This led to addressing the need for community-based supportive care and Irene’s role in the planning of the Dr Peter Centre.

When the B.C. Centre was founded in 1992, Irene was appointed the first Director of Professional Education with a mandate to deliver programs for undergraduate students in health and human services and practicing health care professionals.

In 1993, Irene collaborated with Anne Wyness, Associate Professor Emerita, to establish an elective HIV course for nurses. The first of its kind in Canada, it remains unique. The course is now offered by distance education to students and practicing nurses across the province. The course addresses a range of issues including the social conditions that create vulnerability, HIV testing, antiretroviral management, and palliative care. Since only about 50% of those clinically eligible for antiretroviral drugs are receiving them the course addresses the complexities of care delivery to marginalized populations. As she explains, “We have HIV in 2009, a chronic illness made manageable by adherence to antiretroviral therapy, co-existing with the 1980s version, a disease that, without treatment as is the case for many who use injection drugs, dramatically shortens life.”

In the mid-1990s, she again collaborated with Anne Wyness, as well as Dr. Andrew Chalmers (then Associate Dean, Undergraduate Curriculum for the Faculty of Medicine) and Sharon McKinnon (Pharmaceutical Sciences) to develop an Interprofessional HIV/AIDS course delivered through UBC’s College of Health Disciplines. Currently, students come from nursing, medicine, social work, pharmacy and nutrition and such diverse backgrounds as education, cell biology, and international relations. “We have a whole new generation of students committed to the issue of social justice, and who understand that disparity in society is one of the factors that makes people vulnerable to HIV. I’m very encouraged by their commitment and motivation to respond to the epidemic.”

Irene also promoted continuing education in HIV/AIDS and harm reduction through her organization of and participation in HIV conferences locally and nationally and nursing forums associated with the International AIDS and the International Harm Reduction Conferences.

*Irene is a long standing member of the B.C. History of Nursing Society.
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ROYAL COLUMBIAN HOSPITAL LOOKING FOR *YOUR* HISTORY

A subgroup of the Royal Columbian Hospital Alumnae is producing a history book of their School of Nursing. It will focus on the student nurses life told by those who lived it. This is a request to all RCH Alumnae to contact one of the following with their stories and memoirs.

Bernice Rolls Phone 604-462-7803
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HISTORY OF NURSING UNIFORMS

Tina Bates has been working on the history of nursing uniforms which is now taking her towards the end of the twentieth century. She is trying to trace the demise of the white uniform and the introduction of scrubs. If you have thoughts on this she would be very interested in hearing from you and would appreciate answers to the following questions.

01. When did nursing students begin to wear their own choice of a white uniform as opposed to a prescribed uniform?
02. Where did they get them?
03. When did nursing students give up wearing white uniforms, and what did they wear instead?
04. Who made the decision that they could wear alternative clothing and why?
05. When and where did nurses begin to wear scrubs?
06. Was there some type of clothing that preceded scrubs?
07. Were they proscribed or could they wear whatever they liked?
08. Why scrubs?
09. Does your hospital have a dress code?

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Member News



"TRINITY WESTERN HAS APPROVED A NEW HISTORY OF NURSING COURSE"

SHEILA YEOMANS, VICTORIA – has a MA in History. The title of her thesis: *"Delivery of Medicine to the Northwest Region of BC (1860-1960)"*. Anyone interested in sharing research is invited to contact her by phone 250-381-5939 or email at s.yeomans@shaw.ca

TINA BATES (OTTAWA) - Remains curator of the Canadian Nursing History Collection at the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Projects have included the Canadian Nursing History Collection Online, a database devoted to the collections at the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian War Museum; the book, *On all Frontiers: Four Centuries of Canadian Nursing; and an exhibition, A Caring Profession: Centuries of Nursing in Canada (2005-6)*. She currently writing a history of the nurse's uniform.

BARBARA OWEN, VICTORIA - "I am an active member of the Royal Jubilee Hospital Nursing Alumnae Association and on the Pemberton Chapel Restoration Committee (chair for 10 years) and still involved with the Chapel operations and in the Archives (RJHSNAA) in the lower level of the chapel. Thank you for all you are doing to preserve nursing history."

SONYA GRYPMA SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE. Trinity Western University had approved a new History of Nursing course (elective) for undergraduate students, commencing September 2009. The course is cross-listed, meaning that students can take it for either Nursing or History course credits, and it has been approved for students taking a Gender Studies minor. The idea is to have the course available to as wide a range of students as possible. Sonya is an Associate Professor/ School of Nursing, Trinity Western University, Langley BC

CORRECTION – Royal Jubilee contact email is bbjohnson not bbjohson

Remembering

BERNADET RATSOY – 1936-2009

Well-known nursing leader, Bernadet Ratsoy, passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Department of St. Paul's Hospital on October 2nd, 2009. The majority of her professional career was at St. Paul's Hospital where she worked as staff nurse, head nurse in the newborn nursery, clinical instructor and later, Director/VP of Nursing. From 1991-2002 she was Associate Dean of the School of Health Sciences at BCIT where she introduced the baccalaureate program in nursing. "Bernie" was active professionally, serving as RNABC president 1983-85. To read more of the life of this remarkable woman, visit the UBC School of Nursing web site at: www.nursing.ubc.ca/About_Us/Alumni/Stories

MURIEL DOWN

DECEMBER 31, 1925-JUNE 22, 2009

Muriel was born in North Bay, Ontario and graduated from Toronto East General Hospital School of Nursing in 1947. Following graduation she did private duty nursing in North Bay and later in Rochester NY. In 1950 she joined the RCAF, and said "My air force experience was the most inspirational experience of my single life as far as my career is concerned." For the next two years Muriel was involved in para rescue. At that time there was a severe epidemic of polio and she was asked to take charge of the evacuation of patients. The Rescue Station was at Sea Island, where she was stationed. Patients were transported by air using a portable respirator. She recalled transporting a VGH graduate from Vernon to the polio ward at VGH. Muriel married in 1952 and "was fired from her job". She was a member of our group for several years, attended events, offering encouragement and support.

For more information on Muriel's air force experience, check the Oral History Tape: OH #145. (October 1990) Interviewer Nina Rumen. Tape available at CRNBC Library.

Book Review

THE MAN WHO SAVED VANCOUVER: MAJOR JAMES SKITT MATTHEWS

BY DAPHNE SLEIGH, HERITAGE HOUSE 2008, 223 PAGES PB

BY NAOMI MILLER

James Matthews was born in Wales in 1878, moved to New Zealand at age 9, attending many schools because of family moves and started work in 1893. His parents moved to South America in 1897 leaving him alone. James fell in love with Maud Boscawen and the couple decided to emigrate to North America. James travelled alone and settled in Vancouver. They were reunited in November 1898 but were unable to get married because James was under 21. Special dispensation allowed the marriage in January. Twin boys were delivered by Sister Frances at St. Luke's Home on Cordova Street in June 1899 and another son, Hugh, was born in 1900. Fortunately, James had a decent job with Imperial Oil. The family lived in a series of rented homes.

Raising three young children was stressful enough for Maude and an additional stress occurred when James became ill with typhoid fever. He was a patient in the Isolation Ward of City Hospital at Cambie and Pender Streets from June to September 1902. A nurse, Miss Emily Edwardes was his favourite and they would meet again in 1920.

In March 1903 James joined the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles and became a weekend soldier. He was often away from home on business as Imperial Oil sent him to arrange new facilities in Penticton, Vernon, Victoria and Prince Rupert. In 1910 he further expanded his connections by becoming a member of the Masonic Lodge. James occasionally took the family on outings like a day trip to Bowen Island but left all other child rearing to Maud.

Major Matthews as seen on the cover of the book.

When WW I commenced James was still a reserve soldier. He hesitated to sign for overseas duty until Imperial Oil promised half pay for families left behind. He sailed from Halifax in June 1916, was wounded at the front in October, and invalided home in January 1917. Later he assumed light duties across Canada and then back in England and was officially discharged in January 1918. When he returned to his Vancouver home Maud announced she was leaving and moved out in four hours to live with another man. Pleas and attempts for reconciliation were unsuccessful. The Major, as he was now referred to, and his younger son Hugh were left to fend for themselves.

Then in May 1920 James met a familiar face at St. Paul's Hospital - Emily Eliza Edwardes his favorite nurse during his 1902 illness. Following her graduation in 1904 from Vancouver City Hospital she left for New York where she worked in the Brooklyn Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital first in the operating room, then as Lady Superintendent. In 1915, she returned to Canada to enlist in the Army and served in Egypt, Salonika, and was aboard a hospital ship torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Emily returned to Vancouver and set up a Massage Clinic at St. Paul's Hospital. James courted her through the summer of 1919 and they were married days after James' divorce was finalized in November. They opted for a Military wedding at Christ Church. Emily listed her age as 39 (when in reality she was 45 and James 42.) Emily became a loving wife and stepmother.

Through his life in the "Magic City" of Vancouver James had acquired artifacts and papers which he deemed worthy to keep in permanent files. His basement became full of boxes and Emily wanted them out of the house yet in a safe place. The idea of a Vancouver City Archives was born and slowly nursed into existence. Major Matthews became the City Archivist, first as a volunteer then with a tiny salary. His display areas moved from one building to another. He refused to retire at 65, or 75, or 80 years. Some city councils appreciated and supported him others did not. The Man Who Saved Vancouver's



*Photo of Emily as Nursing Sister in WWI
Courtesy of the Vancouver Archives.
CVA, PORT P190.2*

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History embraced a wider spectrum of memories than just official records. He was a good speaker and enthusiastically shared his findings with audiences in Native Sons of BC, Pioneers Organization, Kitsilano Ratepayers, and veteran's groups.

Major Matthews always said that "without Emily the Archives of Vancouver would have never existed." She supported him in every way to achieve cooperation for those Archives. Emily was very ill through 1948 and passed away November 2nd. James commissioned and designed a stained glass memorial window for her. The "Nurse Window" in Christ Church Cathedral was unveiled by Ruth Woodward in 1950.

The author of this history researched widely to follow the lives of the peripatetic Matthew's family. She very carefully explains the sociological interactions during the early 1900s, '20s and '30s. She learned from those who worked with the self appointed Archivist about his energy, interaction with outsiders and dogged determination to save all these gems of history. This story ends not with James Matthews' death in 1970 but with the actual erection and opening of the present Archives in 1972. Major Matthews may have saved Vancouver's history while Daphne Sleight recorded the life of this remarkable citizen.



THE RBC FOUNDATION DONATES \$1 MILLION

St. Paul's Hospital operated a School of Nursing for 67 years until 1974 when nursing education moved to post-secondary institutions. St. Paul's continues to lead as a clinical education centre for the nurses of today and for the future. In 2009, the RBC Leadership Program for Nursing Innovation was established thanks to a \$1-million donation from the RBC Foundation.

This program has two components, the first one, a mentorship initiative, enables a dedicated, highly experienced nurse mentor to provide on-the-spot coaching and support and the second component called the RBC Nursing Education Awards, will be awarded annually to help nurses continue their education at all stages of their careers. The first RBC Nursing Education Awards were given out on May 11, 2009 to 26 SPH nurses. The call for submissions for 2010 will be early next year.

Information provided by Leslie Dickson, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation and from "Nursing New Dreams", Promise, Fall/Winter 2009, p.6.

CORRECTIONS

JULY 2009 EDITION

The Newsletter Committee Annual Report page 15 should have read "The Spring 2009 newsletter was received by 87 members, not 8." The number of members choosing this option is increasing. The summer issue was sent electronically to 103 members so thank you as it definitely helps us financially and environmentally.

- 1 >> Boschma, G., Davidson, L., & Bonifacio, N. (2009). Bertha Harmer's 1922 textbook – The Principles and practice of nursing: Clinical nursing from a historical perspective. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 18, 2684-91
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- 6 >> Thorne, S. (2009). Ideas and action in a terrain of complexity. *Nursing Philosophy*, 11, 149-151
- 7 >> Tina Bates has an article in print in *Nursing History Review*, which describes the theoretical and methodological approaches she used in her work on a cultural history of the nurse's uniform, 1830-1990. "Looking Closely: Visual and Material Approaches to the Nurse's Uniform."



ETHEL JOHNS

>> JOAN DOREE FAITHFULLY SENDS US NEWS SUCH A RECENT ARTICLE FROM THE CANADIAN NURSE ON ETHEL JOHNS. "Nursing pioneer honoured. One of nursing's most accomplished and admired figures has been named a National Historic Person of Canada." A brief summary of her career is described and included is a photo taken 1922 when she taught a summer course at the University of Saskatchewan.

CN, Sept 2009, Vol 105, No 7, p. 8.

>> IN THE SPRING OF 2007, GLENNIS ZILM PREPARED A NOMINATION FOR ETHEL JOHNS and submitted it to Parks Canada (Historic Sites and Monuments Board) for inclusion in the national listing of "Persons of National Historic Significance." This listing contains names of more than 600 Canadians who have made "outstanding or lasting contributions to Canadian history." However, few of those listed are women, and only four are nurses. *Special thanks to Glennis for preparing this successful nomination.*



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