



# THE ASBC PAGES

In lieu of her regular letter, Sarah Ladd has collected together various facts from the society's history as it is the 40th Anniversary of the ASBC this year.

## ASBC Facts: A History

**1966** — First speakers (and talk titles where available): Knut Fladmark, Dr. Malcolm McGregor ("Greece, Ancient & Modern"), Dr. Hanna E. Kassis ("The Phoenicians in the West"), Wilson Duff, Carl Borden ("Prehistoric Cultural Relations between Eurasia & Western North America.")

— A trip to Italy was organised, cost of \$872 per person.

**1969** — 124 members in May.

— ASBC conducts a rescue dig on a Tsawwassen midden (DgRs 9; DgRs 11).

— Regular meeting admission for non-members was \$1.00.

— Exchange of Archaeological Society newsletters begins between the Ontario Archaeological Society, Manitoba Archaeological Society, Saskatchewan Archaeological Society and Washington Archaeological Society.

**1973** — 1st Chapter - Chilliwack area, formed.

**1973-74** — Ron Sutherland appointed to BC Archaeological Sites Advisory Board (1973/1974).

**1974** — A BC Cultural Funds grant of \$300 is given to the ASBC for creating a photographic record and catalogue of artifacts in private collections.

**1975** — Abbotsford Chapter forms.

— Back issues of *The Midden* \$1.

— Course offered by Hilary Stewart through the ASBC titled "In-

dian use of Plant Materials."

**1976** — First Site Wardens established.

— Fraser Valley Chapter forms, President is Shirley Cooke.

**1977-78** — Victoria Branch has its first year with 28 members.

**1981** — *The Midden* begins receiving Heritage Trust funding

**1984** — First mention of Kitimat Chapter appears in an issue of *The Midden*.

— 20th anniversary edition!!! (*Midden* 8:1).

• — Fraser Valley Branch of the ASBC established.

**1986** — Plaque dedicated to Charles Borden was placed at Locarno Beach.

**1991** — \$2,500 received from the Heritage Trust Fund to offset costs of *The Midden*.

— The plaque dedicated to Charles Borden in 1986 is replaced with a more durable bronze plaque.

**1992** — Joyce Johnson, editor, creates a new look for *The Midden* as it moves from being produced by type-set and paste-up processes to being created on a Macintosh computer.

— Nanaimo Branch founded.

**1992** — Fees are raised to \$18 for students and seniors, \$25 for individuals, and \$30 for family members, and have remained the same for the last 14 years.

— Founding member Aileen Winskill passes away and is remembered in *The Midden*.

**1993** — ASBC library re-opens (courtesy of Terry Spurgeon).

**1994** — ASBC Co-sponsors *Hidden Dimensions*: a conference on wetland archaeology in Vancouver.

**1995** — Series of free noon-hour lectures are held by the ASBC at UBC Museum of Anthropology throughout April as part of the Wet-Site Conference

— Roy Carlson retires and is interviewed for an article in *The Midden* (27:5).

— Nanaimo Branch runs salvage archaeology project in Vancouver's Chinatown (organized and instigated by Imogene Lim).

**1996** — Issue of *The Midden* is dedicated to Joyce Johnson for her work in creating the new structure of the Editorial Committee, which is designed to share the work among several individuals, as opposed to the one-person-show that it had previously been.

— 30th Anniversary year (*Midden* 28.4).

**1997** — Gary Chan publishes ASBC's first website.

— Helmi Braches, ASBC Vice President, attracts the attention of the Director of the Archaeology Branch in Victoria by wondering in *The Midden* whether the Heritage Conservation Act is "Toothless Legislation" (*Midden* 29:4).

**1998** — ASBC Brochures created, including a basketry drawing contributed by Lesley Mitchell which also graces the cover of an issue of *The Midden*. Tragically, Lesley Mitchell and Arne Carlson pass away this same year

— Terry Spurgeon, ASBC Vice President, presses the provincial government to create education, monitoring and detection, and enforcement programmes in support of the Heritage Conservation Act. (*Midden* 30:4)

**1999** — Former President, Don Bunyan, passes away and is remembered in *The Midden*.

**1999** — Brian Apland, Director of the Archaeology Branch, replies to Braches and Spurgeon's comments in a letter to the *Midden* Editor. He agrees "more needs to be done in raising awareness" and suggests the annual British Columbia Archaeology Forum as the place to begin. (*Midden* 31:3)

— The BC Archaeology Branch publishes it's first website (two years after the ASBC's web site is launched).

**2001** — Phil Hobler retires and is interviewed for an article in these pages.

— SFU's Jack Nance passes away. ASBC remembers him by contributing to the Jack Nance Memorial Scholarship.

**2002** — Helmi and Fred Braches retire from active service to the ASBC after over 25 years.

— The British Columbia government terminates operations of the BC Heritage Trust that had provided financial support to *The Midden*. The ASBC receives a one-time grant of \$15,000 and wishes for our continued success in pursuing initiatives "of mutual interest." (*Midden* 34:4)

**2003** — Nanaimo Branch begins running their now annual "Discover Archaeology" event – an interactive display of bones and archaeological materials for the general public. Colleen Parsley dedicates a huge amount of time and energy to this project.

— Patricia Ormerod, ASBC President, presents the ASBC position on the collection and sale of British Columbia artifacts in a session at the BC Archaeology Forum in Prince George and proposes recreating a site stewardship program to monitor sites throughout BC. (*Midden* 35:3).

— March 31st, 2003 – Heritage Trust Fund (which has been funding *The Midden* for 22 years) is now terminated.

**2004** — ASBC joins with the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) to propose the Heritage Watch Alliance (HWA) with the goal of encouraging site stewardship throughout BC.. Both groups gather many individuals together to meet repeatedly at the UBCIC offices to develop a framework for the HWA.

— Hilary Stewart Art and Archaeology Competition is conceptualized by Patricia Ormerod and created by Sarah Ladd and runs successfully in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 years and is expected to run again in the 2006-2007 year.

**2005** ASBC Nanaimo becomes a strong voice for archaeological and heritage preservation in the Nanaimo area, make a proposal for a Nanaimo Chinatown Heritage Park, and alert the city and Archaeology Branch to the destruction of a site in Hammond Bay.

**2006** In order to save money, ASBC lectures move from the Vancouver Museum/H.R. Macmillan Planetarium to the Mountain Equipment Co-op Head Offices on 4th Avenue.

— The ASBC By-Law revisions, after nearly six years of review by the branches and the parent Society, will be presented to members to be voted on at the June 2006 AGM. The revisions reflect and support the current programs and projects run by ASBC branches and the parent Society and set the stage for 40 more years of successful activities.

## Founding Members

Some of the founding Executive members and their roles: Gladys Groves (publicity), Bill Lane (VP), Sheila Neville (Recording Secretary), Ken Campbell (Treasurer). Roy Carlson was not a founding executive member, but it was he who suggested that the group form a Society.

Some of the 1st members to sign up: Mr. W.A. McRobbie, Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Bell, Mrs. M.A. Middleton, G.W. Archer, Sheila Ward, Sean Johnston, Coryn Gooch, Aileen Winskill. Charter members are Harold & Mabel Cliffe.

## Presidents since 1966

Alec Ennenberg, 1966 – 1968  
Ron Sutherland, 1968 – 1970  
Bill Lane, 1970 – 1972  
Sheila Neville, 1972 – 1974  
Nick Russell, 1974 – 1976  
Marie Duncan, 1976 – 1978  
Ron Sutherland, 1978 – 1980  
Shirley Veale, 1980 – 1982  
Helmi Braches, 1982 – 1984  
Don Bunyan, 1984 – 1986  
Colin Gurnsey, 1986 – 1988  
Terry Spurgeon, 1988 – 1990  
William (Bill) Paull, 1990 – 1992  
Reet Kana, 1992 – 1994  
James (Jim) Lee, 1994 – 1996  
Joyce Johnson, 1996 – 1998  
Helmi Braches, 1998 – 2000  
Andrew Mason, 2000 – 2002  
Patricia Ormerod, 2002 – 2004  
Sarah Ladd, 2004 – 2006

## Editors of *The Midden* since 1966

Nick Russell, 1966 – 1983  
Kitty Bernick, 1984 – 1991  
Joyce Johnson, 1991 – 1995  
Robbin Chattan, 1995  
Geordie Howe, 1995 – 1997  
Robbin Chattan & Heather Myles, 1997  
Heather Myles, 1998 – 2003  
Jack Fletcher, 2003 – 2004  
Bill Angelbeck, 2004 – present