



THE ASBC PAGES

Letter from the President

Dear Readers,

We have some great talks and events planned the rest of the 2005/2006 season, to celebrate the ASBC's 40th Anniversary. We are currently working on having the government declare a week in May "Archaeology Week" here in BC, and the ASBC Executive members are planning a celebratory barbeque to commemorate our forty years of success.

We will be looking for volunteers to help out prior to and on the day of the barbeque, so if you are interested, please contact me at president@asbc.bc.ca or by phone (evenings and weekends) at 604-737-7935.

In place of a lecture in May, we will be inviting you all to bring your memories and stories to discuss with a panel of charter members and speakers. I invite you to also bring along any photographs or memorabilia you may have, to show off to those of us who are newer to the Society. So far I've had several people share their stories with me, including Hilary Stewart's recollection involving scantily clad women (due to the heat) covering themselves up rapidly when Dr. Charles Borden approached the dig site they were working on. I hope many more of you come to the May event, and the barbeque to share your anecdotes and adventures.

We will also be holding what appears to have become an annual event – an Artifact ID night in place of the April lecture. As I write this letter, Dr. Dongya Yang is preparing to regale us with information about his exciting work in molecular archaeology (no small achievement, despite the size of the subject matter). Jesse Morin, a graduate student at UBC, will present in March (he has an article featured in this issue) and we have exciting prospects for our June lecture and Annual General Meeting.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome a new volunteer, Sharon Reilander, who has signed up to be our webmaster and has also indicated that she would like to take on more responsibility as an Executive member. Sharon is an SFU student who has also worked for Parks Canada as a collections assistant. Welcome Sharon!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 40th Anniversary celebrations, and at our regular lecture series nights.



Sarah Ladd
President