



THE ASBC PAGE

Letter from the President

Dear Readers,

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer, whether you were off on an archaeological dig, traveling, or exploring your own neighbourhood as I have been doing. The ASBC has had a busy summer and I'm pleased to let you all know about some of the things we've been cooking up for you.

In May of 2005 we found out we had been approved for Human Resources Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) Summer Career Placement funding in order to hire a student as a Project Assistant. We created a job description and posted it with SFU and UBC's Co-operative Education programs, and ultimately hired an SFU Communication Co-op student. David Sadler spent 13 weeks working for us, and during his time he accomplished many things. The most visible accomplishment is the new look and feel of our web site: <http://www.asbc.bc.ca>. I urge you all to check out the improvements and post messages in the discussion forum he has created for us to use.

Other projects David worked on this summer included the cataloguing and organizing of our library collection of journals, notes and books – formerly (and fondly) called “the Scary room.” This room is now far from scary and we have available a full list of all our holdings with the hope that you, our members and readers, will be able to make use of this resource.

Some of you met David this summer while he conducted interviews with the founding members of the ASBC. These interviews will be used in future volumes of *The Midden*, and will potentially be put into a booklet to celebrate the ASBC's 40th Anniversary year, which begins in January 2006. We also are in the planning stages of preparation for the 40th Anniversary celebrations. Some of the ideas we are looking at include a “week” of activities around one of our lectures, culminating in a barbeque. We appreciate any ideas you may have, or if you are willing to volunteer to assist us, please contact me at president@asbc.bc.ca or by phone at 604-737-7935.

One more special note: I wish to extend my gratitude and thanks to Nadine Gray, who was until recently an elected member of our Executive. Nadine has moved on to a teaching position in Kamloops, and while I wish her well, she will be missed for her cheerfulness and expertise. Thank you Nadine, and good luck!



Sarah Ladd
President