

# BARKERVILLE SENTINEL

A Newsletter

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**Queen Victoria Visits Barkerville.**

On her birthday, May 22, Queen Victoria made a surprise visit to Barkerville. The Queen arrived with the Barnard's Express Stage Coach.



**Theatre featuring 4 shows!**

The Theatre Royal of Barkerville recently introduced a new entertaining evening show in British Music Hall style.



**Barkerville Stage Coach in Billy Barker Days parade.**

Barnard's Express represented Barkerville in this annual event in Quesnel, streets lined with spectators from near and far.



## BILLY BARKER DAYS PARADE

The Barnard's Express wagon, and the Theatre Royal represented Barkerville at the annual Billy Barker Days in Quesnel on Saturday July 15. The attendance was excellent and the streets were packed with people anxious to take part in the biggest event of this entire four-day weekend. The calm horses from the Barnard's Express did not flinch from the racket of the parade. You can meet this team and other teams in Barkerville if you come on a stage coach ride, or take in a wagonette ride to the Richfield courthouse



Photo: Studio Grandell Photography

## BARKERVILLE HIRES NEW CEO

The Barkerville Heritage Trust is pleased to announce that Judy Campbell, a long time resident of Wells and an avid supporter of Barkerville, has been selected as the Chief Executive Officer for Barkerville. Judy's work and education have prepared her for this important challenge. She has a Masters degree in Environmental Design and has worked in Barkerville consulted as a historic planner in Western Canada and supported Barkerville in her association with the Friends of Barkerville and the Barkerville Task Force.



The Task Force assessed options for Barkerville when the process to contract out Barkerville by the Province failed to find a suitable operator. The Barkerville Heritage Trust found its beginning in the recommendations of that Task Force. Judy decided to offer her services in the recent competition. The Trust is happy she made that decision. The Trust knows that Barkerville's future is in capable hands. Judy will bring her many years of planning and management experience to the work at Barkerville.

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# NICOL HOTEL

## Exploring Change: Barkerville's Nicol Hotel Rises Again



Explore the changing historical landscape in a new museum at Barkerville Historic Town, the Nicol Hotel. The official unveiling took place on July 1st during our Dominion Day celebrations.

The main floor of this exciting new display includes fire arms, jewelry, bottles, clothing and fabric. The second storey illustrates the process of taking a building from it's original the condition through the steps in the creation of an exhibit, following the process through the research and design stages to the full restoration of the building and installation of a new display.



Another new display this year is the Tregillus Office. Fred Tregillus spent 75 of his 100 years mining for gold in the Cariboo and was instrumental in preserving the history. Step into Fred's office and check out the amazing collection that he saved for all to see.

Come visit us for an enticing look back in time.



## QUEEN VICTORIA VISITS BARKERVILLE

Queen Victoria could be seen arriving in Barkerville by Stage Coach on her birthday on Victoria Day. The Queen was welcomed by a representative of the Royal Engineers and by residents, workers and other travelers on this beautiful spring day. Several children presented the Queen with greetings, birthday cards and flowers. The Queen continued her visit by having afternoon tea at the Wake Up Jake restaurant. Queen Victoria was delighted to be here and said she would most likely be back for more birthdays and perhaps even for other occasions. Her visit was recorded on video and can be watched by clicking the podcast button on the front page of this website.

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## CANADIAN NATIONAL GOLD PANNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 10th Annual Gold Panning Championships is hosted by Eldorado Gold Panning in Barkerville on August 19. Challenge last years overall winner David Lanthier in the professional class. Some of the top panners are big Barkerville names like Scott Rea, Larry Fourchalk, Dave Brown (alias Daniel Grimsby from the Sheepskin Claim) and many others. "The Dash to the Denstist" big candy prize for kids!

This event is followed by a banquet held by the Friends of Barkerville.



## THEATRE ROYAL HAS FOUR POPULAR LIVE SHOWS

The 2006 theatre shows are getting great reviews everywhere! There will be some well known guest artists throughout the season. Check the Theatre Royal link on this website for announcements. An enthusiastic theatre cast will ensure that you'll enjoy shows packed with lively entertainment with singing, dancing in historic performances and amusement for the entire family. *More on Theatre Royal on Page 4.*

## BARKERVILLE ARCHIVAL PHOTOS ON-LINE

Historic photographs are now available from the Friends of Barkerville website. Click on the FOB logo on the bottom of the Barkerville.ca website, and look for the Historical Photographic Archives

<http://www.barkerville.bc.ca/Archives/Barkerville/index.html>



# Theatre Royal goes digital

Barkerville’s Theatre Royal has moved into the digital age this spring with the replacement of the old lighting system with a new state of the art.

The new dimmer pack, or light control device, replaces a decades old system that was worn out and

in danger of putting the theatre literally in the dark.

“The lighting system was controlled by twenty-four dimmer modules, like the mother-board or circuit board in a computer,” explains Theatre Royal producer and general manager Richard Wright. “Last season five of the 25 modules died and we were juggling modules all season. The fear was that the whole dimmer pack would die and leave us without lights for weeks.”



The Barkerville Heritage Trust, recognizing the importance of the theatre, decided to make a capital investment of approximately \$10,000 and had the system upgraded by Bruce McIntyre Lulla Enterprises Inc. in Squamish. McIntyre has been maintaining the system for many years.

Rueben Berlin, operations manager for Barkerville said, “The impetus for the Theatre Royal’s lighting upgrades is to bring the lighting system up to an industry standard level and is part of the Barkerville Heritage Trust’s larger ongoing capital program focusing upon sustainable operations and maintenance.”

Monty Downs, interim CEO of Barkerville added that, “The Barkerville Heritage Trust places high priority on ensuring the Theatre Royal can meet its obligation to the visitors. For many, particularly the visitors who come annually from Cariboo and Omenica communities, the show is an essential element of their visit.”

“A side benefit of the upgrade,” says Wright, “is that we will save power and lighting lamps. It’s estimated our expensive lamps will last three times as long. So, it’s one more step in Newman & Wright’s long term goal to make the theatre more ‘green’ or energy efficient.

**THEATRE ROYAL** *presents ~*

\* **THE DANCING GIRLS of CARIBOO**

\* An Afternoon with  
**THE CARIBOO DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION**

\* *The Legend of James Anderson*

\* **AN EVENING OF BRITISH MUSIC HALL**

**CAST ~ ASHLYNE BIGG, NICHOLAS FONTAINE  
DEBORAH GABINET, MICAEL JOHNSON  
AMY LEE NEWMAN, MARCELLO SEQUEIRA**

**PRODUCER ~ RICHARD WRIGHT**  
**MUSICAL DIRECTOR ~ AMY LEE NEWMAN**  
**DIRECTOR ~ SUE ASTLEY**  
**STAGE MANAGER ~ RAELYNNE GAGNON**  
**ASST. STAGE MANAGER ~ MARSHALL McMAHEN**

**FRONT OF HOUSE**  
**~ DAVID NEWBERRY, NADIA VON HAHN**  
**COSTUMES ~ KATHY LANDRY**

**A PRODUCTION OF NEWMAN & WRIGHT THEATRE TROUPE**

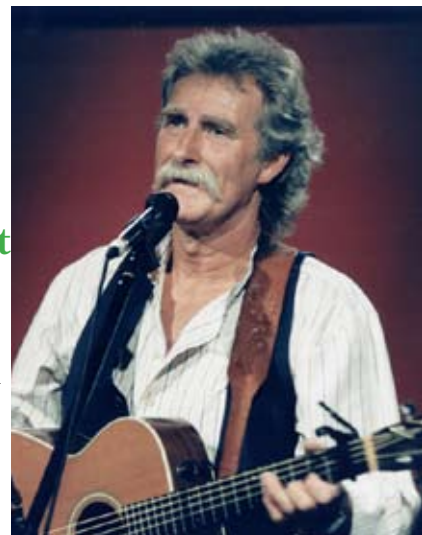
## End of the Trail Cowboy Festival Barkerville – July 21 – 23

Some of the west's best and most popular western performers will be gathering in the historic town of Barkerville on July 21st to 23rd to celebrate the cattle drives of the 1860s.

Performers Gary Fjellgaard, Butch Falk, Chris & Sharkey Sauer, Dave Longworth and a few Barkervillians will present two concerts in the historic Theatre Royal.

"We've brought together the best and it will be a wonderful couple of days of solid western music, stories and poetry," says Richard Wright, concert organizer.

"The cattle drives out of Oregon and Washington Territories to the gold camps of the Cariboo in the late 1850s and early 1860s were the earliest the west has seen", says Theatre Royal producer Wright. "We feel it is important to tell the stories of early Barkerville, the tales that began this town, the legends that developed before the road came in. The stories of the drovers are one of those," he says.



"Two years ago we told the story of Captain Jack Crawford and last year it was the Drovers turn. This year we highlight James Anderson and Amy Newman also tells the stories of some of the first women to come to Barkerville in "The Dancing Girls of Cariboo."

"With this as a background," says Wright, "we are presenting the second annual "Cowboy Festival, with support from several Barkerville and Wells merchants." The Friday evening concert at the Theatre Royal will present performances by Fjellgaard, Longworth, Falk and the Sauers. The Saturday evening concert will present Fjellgaard, Falk, Chris and Sharkey Sauer, Micaele Johnson, Ashlynn Bigg and Deborah Gabinet in a variety of poetry, dance and musical performances.

Richard Wright will host both evenings. Fridays show begins at 7:30 and Saturday at 8:30, immediately following the regular British Music Hall show. During the daytime various other events will take place.

The festival is a partnership of the Theatre Royal, Barkerville Historic Town and other Barkerville merchants. Sponsors include Friends of Barkerville, Mason and Daly, Goldfields Bakery, St. George Hotel, Barkerville Heritage Trust, The Bear's Paw in Wells, Hubs Hotel, and the Wells Service Station.



## MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

This "Lantern" festival has become one of the largest events. Make your own paper lantern on site, purchase one from the Kwong Sang Wing store, or get a free lantern with your Chinese dinner at the Lung Duck Tong restaurant. Dinner reservations must be made in advance. Call Shirley at 250-994-3458. This event is worth a special trip. March up the main street of Barkerville in a parade all lit with bright colored lanterns, there is an open sky theatrical performance in China Town and afterwards you can sample (free of charge) Chinese exotic fruits and sweet treats.