

# HISTOR!CA

## 2008 at UCFV

On May 1st and 2nd, UCFV's Department of History will host the Historica Regional Fair at the Student Activity Centre in Abbotsford. It is organized by the MSA Museum Society and supported by UCFV and many corporate and community groups.

Student delegates will display their projects for evaluation, and participate in heritage workshops. The Fraser Valley Regional Fair is one of thirteen fairs held in the province, of over 1100 Regional Fairs held across the country. Six students from each of B.C.'s Regional Fair sites will attend the first Provincial Historica Fair in Kamloops. In July, each province and territory will send a delegation of students with their projects to the non-competitive National Fair in Victoria, B. C. These 165 students will enjoy a weeklong heritage camp, meet with students from across the country and showcase their work.



The Fair opens at 5:00 pm on May 1 with a host of dignitaries and music by the Margaret Stenersen school choir. Visitors are invited to return to the Fair after the completion of project judging from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Local entertainment will be provided by the Inverglenn Scottish Dancers and the West Coast Fiddles led by Sarah Sabir. Mike de Jong, MLA Abbotsford-Clayburn is providing a cake to commemorate BC 150 Years.

On Friday, May 2, visitors are welcome throughout the day from 9:00 am to 3:15 pm. They will see the students' heritage projects, meet some of the students, and enjoy the displays and activities offered by a number of community groups. The Closing Assembly will be held at 2:15 pm and will feature the presentation of awards and entertainment. Some of this year's outstanding projects include:

**“Holy Cow!”** by Luke C. in Grade 5 at Margaret Stenersen Elementary, Abbotsford. The story of Rosebank Rosie the cow who went through Hell's Gate and lived.

**“The Courage of My Ancestors”** by Bailey C., a grade 4 student at Prince Charles Elementary in Abbotsford, who states that “History is very fascinating. I learned a lot about my own family and about the world in general. Life was not nearly as easy for my ancestors as it is for us today.”

Courtney H., a grade 5 student at Dorothy Peacock Elementary in Langley presents **“The Beginning of a Great Province: British Columbia”**. Courtney wanted to commemorate BC 150 Years; she discovered that there are many different ways to experience and a trip to Fort Langley brought her project to life.

Doreen M. learned more about her culture by researching **“Slahal”**, a game played with bones by the Coast Salish people. She attends grade 7 at Seabird Island Community School in Agassiz, and will be demonstrating the game at the Fair.

Chase B. will demonstrate panning for gold in a sluice box he built himself. His project is the **“Cariboo Gold Rush”**. Chase is in grade 4 at Kent Elementary in Agassiz.