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Canada 150 Projects—Final Update

The Friends of the Richmond Archives were very fortunate to have received funding in 2017 for two projects through the Richmond Canada 150 Community Celebration Grant Program: *What's in a Name? Name Origins Project* and the *Richmond Review Newspaper Digitization Project Phase One*.

What's in a Name? Name Origins Project

Launched in September 2017, the Name Origins Database allows community members to explore and discover the people and history behind the names of local roads, bridges, islands and other places. The work is ongoing and the database will continue to be updated as new discoveries are made (<http://archives.richmond.ca/archives/places/>).

Richmond Review Newspaper Digitization Project Phase One

The City of Richmond Archives began Phase One of the *Richmond Review* Digitization Project in 2017.

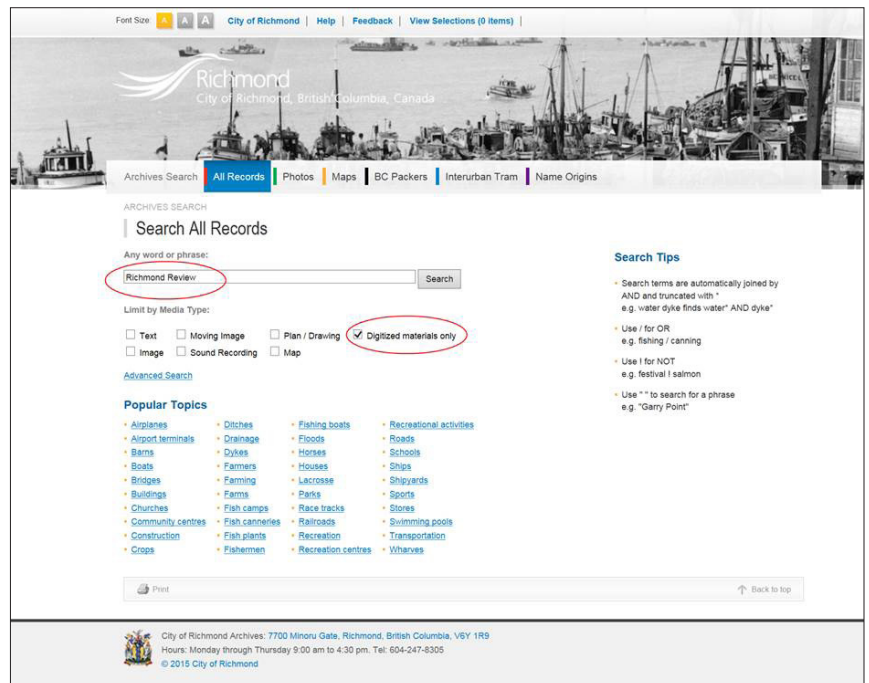
Published between 1932 and 2015, the *Richmond Review* is a well-used and important resource identified as requiring digitization to not only increase accessibility, but also for long-term preservation. It is a detailed account of our community history, unparalleled by any other local historical collection at the Archives. From the comfort of their own homes, through the City of Richmond Archives online database, people may now explore the content of approximately 1,700 issues of the *Review* from 1932 to 1965. The database may be accessed at (<http://archives.richmond.ca/archives/descriptions/>).



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Cover page of the *Marpole-Richmond Review*, August 22, 1951.



Searching for the *Richmond Review* on the City of Richmond Archives online database

List of Community Records Donated in 2017

- Richmond '79 Centennial material
- Photographs of boats on the South Arm by James William "Jim" Hamalock
- Richmond Women's Resource Centre material
- McDonald family photographs
- Photographs of the Steveston Historical Society's 25th Anniversary
- Material related to the official opening of the South Arm Recreation Centre
- Material on Tourism Richmond and Steveston
- Photographs of the dedication ceremony of the Scout camp at Woodward's Landing
- Aerial photographs of Steveston
- Friends of the Richmond Library material
- Photographs by Art Sewel
- Photographs of the Steveston Judo and Kendo Club
- Freespace, newsletter produced by the Richmond Women's Resource Centre
- Aerial photographs by David Lloyd
- Scout Hall plans
- Girl Guides of Canada, Fraser Delta Area material
- Aida Knapp Dance School material
- Richmond Gateway Theatre material
- Richmond Hospice Association material
- Photographic slides by Noel McConnell
- Richmond Secondary School yearbooks, programs and scrapbooks



Eirian Vining (L), recipient of the Mary Keen Memorial Prize and Dan Farrell (R), City of Richmond Archives, Records Analyst at Archives Tea on October 13, 2017.



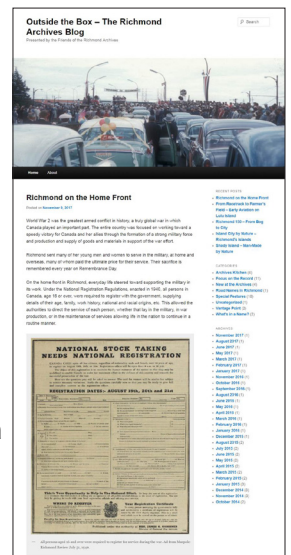
Friends of the Richmond Archives Remembrance Day exhibit at City Hall reception on November 11, 2017.

Remembrance Day Exhibit

The Friends of the Richmond Archives were once again honoured to have been invited to participate in this year's Remembrance Day reception at City Hall.

An exhibit of archival material reflecting Richmond during the Second World War was featured. The exhibit included a slide show in the City Hall café area—a new addition to the annual display. Visitors were also encouraged to visit the Friends' Outside the Box blog post *Richmond on the Home Front* to learn more (<https://richmondarchives.ca/2017/11/09/richmond-on-the-home-front/>).

Friends of the Richmond Archives Board Members Barbara Williams, Christine McGilvray, Lynne Farquharson, Jon Henderson, and John Campbell answered questions from the public about the exhibit and about other historical resources available at the City of Richmond Archives.



Friends of the Richmond Archives blog Outside the Box—*Richmond on the Home Front*

Mary Keen Memorial Prize in Archival Studies

Every year, a prize has been awarded by the Friends of the Richmond Archives to a student in the University of British Columbia's Master of Archival Studies program, with preference given to a student demonstrating an interest in community records. Last year's recipient was Eirian Vining.

Eirian graduated from the UBC iSchool in August 2017. Since September 2017, she has been working at UBC Library's Digital Initiatives as a Digital Projects Librarian and is responsible for managing the library's online projects and overseeing the implementation of digital preservation strategies. She is additionally serving as the coordinator for the British Columbia History Digitization Program and as a member of the VIVO Media Arts Centre Archives Committee.

Congratulations Eirian on your award and we wish you the best in all your future endeavours.

Volunteer of the Year



Barbara Williams (L), receiving her award from Laura Fortier (C), Archivist and Dovellev Buie (R), Manager of Records and Information on December 8, 2017.

The City of Richmond Archives Volunteer of the Year for 2017 is Barbara Williams. For ten years, Barbara has been on the Board of the Friends of the Richmond Archives in different roles, including holding the position of President. She has always been generous with her time, representing the Archives at community events such as: the Remembrance Day reception, the Steveston Salmon Festival, Canada Day festivities, London Farm Family Days, and many others. She has

also spent many hours at the Archives assisting with the creation of displays and working on ensuring the annual Archives Tea is a success.

Congratulations Barbara on your well-deserved award and thank you for your ongoing support and dedication.

Friends of the Richmond Archives Annual Archives Tea

The annual Archives Tea was by all accounts another great success. Over 100 guests had the opportunity to discuss Richmond's past, catch up with old friends, and enjoy delicious sandwiches and sweets.

Mayor Malcolm Brodie addressed the crowd on the importance of the City of Richmond Archives to our collective memory and cultural identity; a display on Aida Knapp and her Dance School was featured; large potted chrysanthemums were awarded to two lucky door prize winners; and we welcomed 13 new members!

Once again the Friends would like to thank the Board of the Minoru Seniors Society and the staff at the Minoru Place Activity Centre for their support and assistance.



Dovellev Buie (L), Manager of Records and Information and Jennifer Yuhasz (R), Archivist with baby Wren at the Archives Tea on October 13, 2017.



Tables at the Archives Tea set with white tablecloths, teacups and saucers, and decorated with potted tea roses on October 13, 2017.



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Richmond Archives will be held Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in the Archives Reference Room. This is the yearly business meeting during which the Friends elect a new Executive, report on financial matters, and set a budget for the coming year. Nominations will be welcomed in advance or from the floor.

The Friends would also like to remind members that the membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Those members who are in arrears are encouraged to send their annual dues (\$5 per person) to the Friends of the Richmond Archives, c/o City of Richmond Archives, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, B.C. V6Y 1R9.

Phone 604-247-8305 or email archives@richmond.ca if you are unsure about your membership status.

Donating to the Friends

In 2017, FOTRA received over \$800 in donations. Your donations help support: the Community Exhibit program; the annual Archives Tea; the Social Media program; the Digitization program; and more.

The Friends of the Richmond Archives is a registered charity and welcomes donations to assist with its activities to support the City of Richmond Archives. A receipt for income tax purposes will be issued for donations over \$10.



Portrait of Margaret Spires (née Pride) ca. 1940s.



Margaret Spires at her 100th birthday celebration in December 2017.

Happy 100th Birthday Margaret Spires

Margaret Spires (née Pride), long-time member of the Friends of the Richmond Archives, celebrated her 100th birthday on December 31, 2017. Between 1928 and 1943, Margaret lived with her two sisters and one brother on Lynas Lane on the site of what is now Thompson Community Centre. She was a teacher at Steveston's Lord Byng School. In 1944, Margaret married the son of Councillor Spires whose service to the City is memorialized by Spires Road.

To commemorate his sister's milestone birthday, Harry Pride donated \$100 to the Friends of the Richmond Archives.

Congratulations Margaret and thank you Harry!

Mystery Photo

If you can identify someone in this photo, please help out the City of Richmond Archives by contacting archives@richmond.ca or 604-247-8305. To find out who has been identified, please check on the Friends of the Richmond Archives' Facebook page; it will also be published in the next *Archives News*.



Dock workers and the crew of the fishing trawler *Flamingo*, ca. 1915.

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