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R.R. SMITH GRANTS FOR 2018



The R.R. Smith Board of Directors meet several times a year. In March the following grants were given. Andy Hatrick, Steve Bailey, Sterling Campbell, Dave Carter, Bev Anderson, Sheila Pither, Judy de Vries



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The R.R. Smith membership fee of \$2.00 has provided support to the following organizations in B.C. and around the world. Many of these organizations have been featured in the R.R. Smith Newsletters. B.C. Retired Teachers are known world wide for their generosity.

- 1. FOR THE LOVE OF AFRICA** - To provide bursary funds for Semester 2 to students who are unable to afford tuition costs to attend Dodoma Technical Institute in Tanzania.
- 2. VANCOUVER OPERA GUILD** - To provide bursaries for Summer Opera Camp for 3 disadvantaged students.
- 3. ONE GIRL CAN** - To fund 4 high school scholarships to empower girls through education in sub-Saharan Africa.
- 4. NORTH SHORE CRISIS SOCIETY** - To the Adolescent & Children's Empowerment Program which provides services for children between 3 & 18 years of age who have witnessed or experienced abuse, threats or violence in the home.
- 5. CANADIAN WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN** - For a library upgrading of one Teachers' Training College.
- 6. DECODA LITERACY FOUNDATION** - To acquire new individual instructional resources focusing on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math).
- 7. FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN, BANGLADESH** - To purchase school materials and teaching supplies to support 29 students in the FFC Dhaka School.
- 8. CANADIAN HARAMBEE EDUCATION SOCIETY** - To purchase school and personal supplies, text books and mosquito (malaria) nets needed to assist the girls with their transition to Secondary schools.
- 9. MULTI-NATIONAL MISSIONARY FOUNDATION** - To provide library books for the Little Belize Christian Fellowship School Library.
- 10. LOVE GUATEMALA CANADA** - To buy new books for the existing 9 libraries already established.
- 11. BETTY HUFF THEATRE COMPANY** - To purchase microphones and curtains for the theatre.
- 12. BRIGHT BEGINNINGS FOUNDATION** - To provide part of the tuition fees needed to fund one promising Surrey student for one year.
- 13. UMOJA OPERATION COMPASSION SOCIETY** - To provide 15 bursaries to support grade 7 students into high school and to support the school library with English and math books.
- 14. AFRICAN CANADIAN CONTINUING EDUCATION SOCIETY** - To provide post-secondary scholarships for 2 gifted and needy youths in Kakamega, Kenya.
- 15. KENYA EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION - CRCN** - To provide tuition fees for a second student and library books to share with students who do not get books from sponsors.
- 16. BC LEARNING CENTRES FOR CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA** - To cover the cost of a projector and screen to provide technology assistance which has been shown to empower children living with Dyslexia.
- 17. GOOD CENTS FOR CHANGE** - To provide sewing equipment and exam fees for 9 girls to enable them to become dress-makers in Zambia.
- 18. CHILDREN'S CARE INTERNATIONAL** - To fund school supplies for 10 girls liberated from indentured slavery in Vizianagaram, India.



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Enjoy Tour and Travel has made the following offer to our members:

Each time a BCTRA / R.R. Smith member attends a day tour, multi day tour, or vacation the members name will be included in a year end draw for a \$100.

Enjoy Tour and Travel gift certificate. Mention BCTRA or RR Smith when booking to donate 10% for Day Tours, 5% for Multi Day Tours and \$100 for Vacations in support of the RR Smith Memorial Fund.

To book a seat call Enjoy Tour and Travel at 604-630-2434 ext. 1. Give the correct date as these are exclusive trips for R.R. Smith / B.C.R.T.A. members and companion. The bus holds 24 passengers.

To see other trips available open the Enjoy Tour and Travel catalogues at the bottom of this message.

Join your colleagues for fun and adventure.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018

ROYAL BC MUSEUM - EGYPT: THE TIME OF PHARAOHS

\$149 | Activity Level: Easy



Be among the first in North America to see this staggering exhibition's priceless ancient artifacts some an astounding 4,500 years old. Additional \$20 ferry fee for 64 years and under.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- All Ferry fees
- Royal BC Museum Egypt: The Time of Pharaohs
- Legislative Dining Room Lunch
- Victoria's Inner Harbour free time
- Relief driver
- All fees and taxes

Surrey	7:30am - 8:15pm
Burnaby	7:00am - 7:45pm
8:30am	TWSN BC Ferries reservation
10:35am	Swartz Bay
11:30am	Royal BC Museum Egypt: The Time of Pharaohs
1:15pm	Legislative Dining Room Lunch Egypt: The Time of Pharaohs Inner Harbour free time
3:15pm	Depart
4:30pm	BC Ferries to Swartz Bay TWSN
6:35pm	TWSN

To book call 604-630-2434 ext 1



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THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018

SALT SPRING ISLAND'S BEST

\$129 | Activity Level: Easy

Sightsee and taste the best Salt Spring has to offer with a mix of nature, creativity and fresh food on the island's best of the best! Additional \$20 ferry fee for 64 years and under.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Sacred Mountain Lavender Tour
- Salt Spring Island Cheese Co. Tour / Tasting
- Salt Spring Island Bread Co. baked dessert
- Relief driver, all ferry fees and taxes

Surrey 7:30am - 8:15pm

Burnaby 7:00am - 7:45pm

8:30am TWSN BC Ferries Reservation
11:00am Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour
11:40am Salt Spring Island Mercantile
11:45am Fulford Village shops
12:15pm Sacred Mountain Lavender
Lavender Field Lunch (on your own), Tour
1:35pm Salt Spring Island Bread Co.
2:30pm Salt Spring Island Cheese Co
3:15pm Depart
3:45pm BC Ferries Long Harbour to TWSN



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

HARRISON LAKE CRUISE

\$139 | Activity Level: Easy

Soak up Summer on a Harrison Hot Springs two hour wildlife sightseeing cruise of Harrison Lake!

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Two hour Harrison Lake Cruise
- Lunch served on board the ship
- Sasquatch Provincial Park, Green Point
- Relief driver
- All fees and taxes

Vancouver 8:00am - 6:30pm

Burnaby 8:30am - 6:00pm

Surrey 9:00am - 5:30pm

10:00am Tim Hortons Chilliwack

11:00am Harrison Hot Springs

11:15am Boarding

11:30am Sailing
Echo Island, Fossil Bay
Cascade Bay, Rainbow Falls

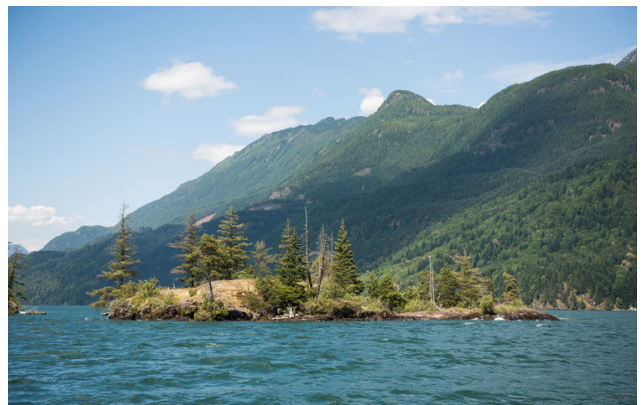
1:30pm Free time

2:45pm Green point at Sasquatch Provincial Park

3:15pm Depart

4:45pm Tim Hortons Langley

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FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

In the FFC home school and FFC special care school there are total 20 kids admitted from the nearest slums of FFC area. About 8 continue attending the school regularly. They have been reading in different class grades up to grade two. FFC is their first school and by the receipt of caring education they are going to be talented students. In their first term exam some of them got 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. There is a nice friendly interaction in all activities of the school with FFC kids and slum kids. These children are getting an education, lunch and tiffin, computer learning and library with the other FFC students.

2 other students have been studying in the FFC special care school. One of them has been suffering cerebral palsy and another kid is deaf. They have been receiving the special education, speech therapy, physiotherapy and self care training from the special care school section and very nicely they are getting physical and behavioral progress day by day. They go home after school.

Regards,
Shujon, Manager FFC Dhaka



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OPERA CAMPS

Since 2014, Vancouver Opera, as one part of its educational outreach programming, has been offering opera camps, initially in a two-week format to mainly secondary students during the summer months, and later also in a one-week format to elementary students in the summer and to at-risk youth during spring break. In these camps, the students are enabled to create and then perform an original chamber-length opera before an invited audience. The students select a story, write the libretto (much of it often in rhyming couplets!), compose the music, design the set, devise the costumes, learn their parts, and rehearse the performance, and the results are truly astonishing—it is wonderful to see how much talent the children and youth possess, and how they thrive in discovering and developing it!

Beginning with the very first opera camp, as part of its work to support Vancouver Opera, the Vancouver Opera Guild has been providing

tuition bursaries to enable disadvantaged youth to participate. In this endeavor we have, from the beginning, received assistance from the R. R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation, which has been greatly appreciated. Over the years, our joint contributions have enabled 19 youths who would not otherwise have been able to do so to attend the two-week senior intensive camp, and a further four will be sponsored next summer. The Vancouver Opera Guild is very grateful to the members of the Foundation Board for their endorsement of this project, and for all who have contributed financially to make it possible. Thank you very, very much!

The cast pictures below show the happy campers of the junior and senior 2017 summer opera camps.

Submitted by Gwyneth Westwick
Membership Chair, VOG



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RIDGE MEADOWS BRANCH OF THE BCRTA BUS TOUR TO WHISTLER / APRIL 16, 2018

On Monday, April 16 nineteen RMRTA members and friends left wet, dreary Maple Ridge to spend a delightfully dry day in Whistler. The highlight of the trip was a docent lead tour at the Audain Art Museum which contains "a permanent collection of the art of BC, including nineteenth century Northwest Coast masks, one of Canada's strongest Emily Carr collections, a selection of Vancouver's celebrated photo-based art and a gallery devoted to West Coast artist Edward J. Hughes." (whistler.com/arts/audain-art-museum)

After the museum tour we enjoyed a lunch experience at the luxurious Fairmont Chateau Whistler, nestled at the foot of Blackcomb Mountain, known for its "outstanding cuisine and impeccable service". In the afternoon, free time in the Village gave us a chance to bumble around, whether in search of COWS ice cream, Rocky Mountain Chocolates or just to enjoy the atmosphere of one of Canada's "most treasured wilderness destinations".

But alas, "all good things come to an end" and we headed home, arriving in Maple Ridge in the rain again/still! But the rain didn't dampen our

spirits and we all agreed that we had a wonderful adventure in Whistler.

Below photo of The Dance Screen. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F55floGbQvk>. To view James Hart discuss this work. Haida artist James Hart worked on his latest piece, The Dance Screen, since 2010. The massive 4,000 lbs, 11x16 foot cedar carving is displayed in the Audain Art Gallery in Whistler.



Our Ridge Meadows Retired teachers group and bus driver Lou in front of the Enjoy Tours bus that took us to Whistler.

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To make a donation go to www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca, click on "Funds" at the top of the page, type R.R. Smith in the "search" area, click on "R.R. Smith Community Fund", click on "Give to this Fund", and fill in the details required. A tax receipt will be issued for donations over \$20. If you wish to designate the funds fill in the organization in the "Leave a comment" section.

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- 1/2 page (Horizontal or Vertical) for a donation of between \$175 and \$334;
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- A Registered Charity under the Canadian Income Tax Act #86160 2126 RR0001
- Incorporated under the BC Society Act

The purposes of the society are to advance public education in British Columbia and in developing countries.

If you believe, as we do, that Education can make a difference, please support the work of the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation by making:

- A regular donation which will be used in the year that it is given to support the grants the Foundation makes that year
- A donation to the Foundation's Endowment Fund so the interest earned can be used for future grants
- An "In Memoriam" donation for a family member or friend
- The R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation your Life Insurance beneficiary thereby making your premiums tax deductible
- A real estate donation

WHAT WE DO

- A** Providing scholarships and bursaries to
 - Doctoral students in any area which advances public education, and
 - Deserving students, to enable them to attend post-secondary educational institutions,
- B** Making and administering grants to Canadian registered charitable organizations, the purposes of which are similar to those of the society,
- C** Acquiring school materials, books, equipment, and supplies of all kinds, and donating them to schools,
- D** Providing funding to support innovative projects which advance public education,
- E** Working cooperatively with governments in Canada and other countries, and other charitable organizations.

The Foundation makes grants to projects that meet these criteria and are registered Canadian charities. Application forms are available at www.rrsmith.ca

