



FRIENDS OF FINTRY

OCTOBER 2024

THE OCTAGON



Editor's Letter

The Octagon for the last many years has been at the pen of our president Kathy Drew. Kathy is the wonder woman behind all the workings, functioning and coordination of Friends of Fintry. We thank her for her continued contributions and dedication for the love of Fintry. She has passed the torch of The Octagon this month to me, Jaimie, as she is on a well deserved vacation to Scotland. She requested a new look with some colour and I hope you all truly enjoy as I am humbled and honoured.

Jaimie Dewar
Business Manager

Welcome to October

Another season of tours is wrapping up this month as the park is set to close October 14th, 2024.

We had a successful season with our summer students and seasoned volunteers engaging with tourists and enthusiasts.

The fall colours are always breathtaking so plan a visit and bring your camera to capture!



Okanagan Batman
Captured by Sue Cseh - Bat Festival 2024

Manor Tour Schedule

Manor House Tours are open to the public and will be offered on the following October dates:

Saturday, October 5th & 12th

Sunday, October 6th & 13th

Manor Tours are approx. 40 minutes in length and start times are:

1:00 pm

2:00 pm

3:00 pm

Please contact info@fintry.ca if you would like to book a private tour as we can accommodate and have packages available for individuals, schools, groups, events and weddings.

Visit www.fintry.ca/tours to view tour schedules.



Meet a few volunteer friends

Rosemary Carter *Lifetime Honorary*

Rosemary is a leader and pioneer for setting up the tour guides and ensuring history is documented and maintained!



Diane Gulbransen *Director*

Diane is a Fintry resident, FOF board member and leads the charge of events and tours. She schedules and manages our tour guide schedule!



Sue Cseh *Photographer / Facebook*

Sue is the smiling light behind the camera of Fintry event photography and the lead of our Fintry Facebook group!



In the works

Over the winter months we have some projects planned to set up 2025 for success:



Promote the new online store featuring all the Fintry items.



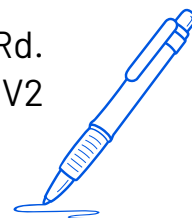
Grant applications for student jobs and administrative funding.



Revitalize, digitize and update the manuals, collections and archives.

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THE CURATORS CORNER

with **DAN BRUCE**

Rington's became established as tea merchants in England at about the same time as James Dun-Waters built the Fintry Manor House, and they are still very much in the tea and coffee trade today. They are a family owned and operated business with an international clientele. We do not know if any Rington's tea reached Fintry, but we are pleased to have the porcelain tea container shown here. It is to be seen in the Dining Room china cabinet, along with some other chinaware close to the blue-and-white bowl that was featured in last month's Octagon.



The Rington's tea container is a classic example of chinoiserie', the European fascination with the art forms of the exotic Orient, and China in particular. During this year at Fintry, we were

assisted by Kelly Grace Yuste, a summer student who has now moved on to further studies at UBCO. Kelly applied her extensive knowledge and understanding of Chinese culture and wrote a short paper on chinoiserie which will be available at Fintry in the near future. It is interesting to see how the whole world became involved in the spread of Chinese culture, especially the appreciation of the blue-and-white ceramic tradition. From China itself, the traders of the Silk Road brought it westward, where the Turkish potters created the Iznik wares, virtually equal to the Chinese originals. The Arab spread through northern Africa and beyond brought it to Spain, and an offshoot became the Dutch Delftware.

*Manor Curator
Dan Bruce (r) with
Okanagan
Batman (l)*

*August 18th, 2024
at the Bat Festival*



The English potters were quick to adapt it for their own use, and created the famous ' Willow Pattern,' also known as ' Blue Willow' (seen here on the Rington's piece). The Spanish used it themselves, and they continued the interest in making small sized ceramic tiles, the Spanish word for which is ' azulejos ' from ' azul ', meaning ' blue '. From Spain, this concept was taken to Mexico, where it flourishes in several Mexican pottery making communities. Mexico was where the circle was completed, as the Spanish merchants coming eastward from the Philippines brought original Chinese wares across the Pacific to Mexico for eventual transshipment to Spain. This heroic feat of seamanship enabled sixteenth and seventeenth Mexican households to enjoy luxury goods that were the envy of Europe, and incidentally to put the Hawaiian Islands on the map two hundred years before Captain Cook arrived on the island of Kauai in 1778. (Los Volcanes, the volcanoes, are shown in the central north Pacific on the Abraham Ortelius map, dated 1570)



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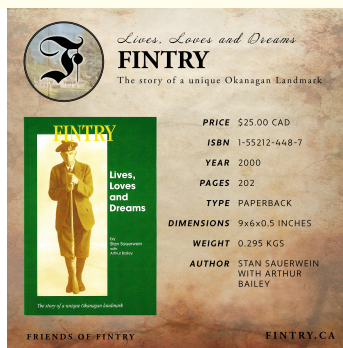
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Bat Facts

Featured monthly facts to educate our friends about the mammals that love Fintry as much as we do!

Bats are interesting, Bats are important, Bats are in trouble and YOU can help!

Did you know that Fintry is a bat-friendly community? The manor and grounds are a protected roosting site, aka maternity ward. We had counts happen all summer in the evenings tracking activity and celebrated our efforts and the pups first flights in August with a Bat Festival.

Got Bats?
1-855-922-2287
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2025 Calendars on sale!

Get that perfect gift for yourself and the ones you want to keep inspired and organized! Your 2025 Fintry calendars are available for purchase! 12 full page breathtaking captures by local photographers of Fintry. We have also included all our event dates and lunar cycles! Only \$15 online and available now at www.finttry.ca



FINTRY ESTATE
history, love, nature

2025 CALENDAR

Talented Photographers featured:
There are over 200 Friends, mostly from the Okanagan Valley but some come from as far away as California and Scotland.
All donations are welcome, and go directly to the maintenance of the Fintry Estate, along with the Dun-Waters collection.

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Calendar listing:
Cover - Susan Cuth
January - Susan Cuth
February - Susan Cuth
March - Judy Polichuk
April - Susan Cuth
May - Susan Cuth
June - Susan Cuth
July - Susan Cuth
August - Susan Cuth
September - Susan Cuth
October - Susan Cuth
November - Susan Cuth
December - Judy Polichuk

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