



FRIENDS OF FINTRY

MAY 2025

THE OCTAGON

Greetings Friends,

As the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom, we are excited to welcome you to a fresh season of discovery at the Fintry Manor House. On Saturday, May 3rd our army of volunteers will be polishing, sweeping, and dusting inside and outside of the Manor House. If you would like to help out, just show up at 11.00 a.m. and we will give you a job! Spring is here, and so are new opportunities to explore our local history, engage in tours, and on Sunday, May 11th, our Mother's Day Fair. Whether you're a long-time visitor or a first-timer, we invite you to take the scenic drive to Fintry and experience our local history in a whole new light this spring.

We were delighted to hear that we have been successful in our Canada Summer Jobs application and we will be hiring two students to assist our volunteers with tours this summer. If you know of a student who loves history (must be returning to school in September) please ask them to get in touch with us at business@fintry.ca.

The Manor House will be open for tours weekends only beginning on Saturday, May 10th and once our summer students come onboard on July 2nd, we will be open five days a week (Wednesday-Sunday) showcasing the Octagonal barn in the mornings and the Manor House in the afternoons. Whether you

 Manor House
Spring Cleaning
Many hands with friends make it fun

Join in on

SATURDAY, MAY 3 —————> 11 AM

come to be inspired, learn something new, or simply enjoy the beauty of Fintry, there's something for everyone.

Join us as we celebrate the vibrant energy of spring, with all the creativity, culture, and history that our little museum has to offer. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Kathy Drew
Friends of Fintry



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THE CURATOR'S CORNER

with **DAN BRUCE** *FRIENDS OF FINTRY
MANOR HOUSE CURATOR*



After a long period of neglect, the flower beds on the east side of the Manor House, facing the main lawn area are under restoration, in the capable hands of Cadi Middleton. It has been difficult to keep abreast of the weeds, insects, deer and other life forms that have caused the plantings to deteriorate, but we are not giving up the effort.

As this is being written, there are nine roses on their way to Fintry from Corn Hill Nursery in New Brunswick. Why all that way? Because they supply roses on their own roots, as opposed to grafted plants. This avoids the problem of the rootstock suckering and eventually taking over from the grafted variety. The staff at Corn Hill well understand the business of packing and shipping bare-root plants, that are then dispatched through Canada Post.

Three varieties have been ordered, one of which is "Emily Carr". This is a new variety that has been bred in Canada, and made available through the Department of Agriculture in 2007. A tall growing dark red rose, named in honour of B C's famous artist, and one of a series of roses named after Canadian artists all of which are hardy in all parts of the country. Emily Carr, (1871 - 1945) should need no further introduction here. When you are next in Victoria, if you have not already done so, visit her home on Government Street, now a Canadian National Historic Site and museum.

Another rose on its way is "Dr. Frank L. Skinner". Frank Skinner, (1882 - 1967) is less well-known than Emily Carr. He was born in Scotland (like so many!) and moved to Canada with his family, arriving in Dropmore, Manitoba in 1895. As a youngster he lost a lung to pneumonia which limited his activity levels to the point where he took up gardening instead of ranching with the rest of the family. His successes led to respectful recognition by the University of Manitoba, who awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1947. The University still houses the Skinner Memorial Library and among his many plant legacies is the very hardy "Dropmore Scarlet" honeysuckle. It is very fitting that a rose be named in his honour.

The third rose that we are expecting would, if able to express opinion, quietly smile at the newcomers. Rosa Mundi, sometimes called Rosamonde, or the Rose of Provins has been known in cultivation since at least 1583. There is a possibility that Rosa Mundi was brought to France from a garden in Damascus some time around 1170. It is one of the striped roses, light and dark pink, a type that became very popular in the early 19th century largely due to the Empress Josephine's liking for them.

Our newly arrived roses will be placed in groups of three along the east border bed where we know that James Dun-Waters did have roses planted originally.





Bring Mom to Fintry Provincial Park for the



Mother's DAY FAIR



SUNDAY

MAY

11

10 - 4

Live music including bagpipers, food trucks, fun for kids in the kidzone, Manor House tours, market featuring local vendors and artisans. Dogs on leash are welcome.

Photos courtesy of UBCO Archives

Featuring Special Guests:

Evan the Juggler



North Westside Fire Rescue



On the Main Stage:

Don Goddard

Easy Listening
10 - 10:45 am

Ralph & Christine Turner

Golden Oldies
11 - 11:45 am

Kalamalka Highlanders Pipe Band

Bagpipes and Drumming
12:30-1:15 pm

Fritz Van Hullenaar

Classic Rock
1:15 - 2:00 pm

Marv Machura

Easy Listening
2 - 2:45 pm

Jacqui Rose

Guitar Songwriter
3 - 3:45 pm

Vendors and Food Trucks:

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| 1 Westbank Harvest | 17 Art by D'Elvac |
| 2 Fawn's Florals | 18 T's Terrific Treats |
| 3 Fintry Store | 19 Village Tumblers |
| 4 Carols Quilts and Bags | 20 Ann's Creations |
| 5 North Westside Quilters | 21 JACKO MACKO |
| 6 Beverly Lundgren Charity | 22 Playful Kritters |
| 7 Helena Margareta | 23 Floof Pet Products |
| 8 Kotan Candles | 24 Photogdog Pet Photography |
| 9 FOOD4U | 25 LeafFilter Gutter |
| 10 JNS Unique Creations | 26 Hello Rainforest |
| 11 Norwex | 27 Ok Valley Freeze Dried |
| 11 Pampered Chef | 28 Edge of the Earth Vineyards |
| 12 Sunset Gourmet | 29 Shuswap Cider Company |
| 13 Fifth Avenue Collection | 30 Okanagan Kettle Korn |
| 14 Kewlchic Stylz | 31 Si Si Pizza Okanagan |
| 15 Curves'n Confidence | 32 VOS Kids Lemonade Stand |
| 16 Man + Woman | 33 On the Way |

Fun In the KidZone:

All ages, all inclusive, all day activities for the kids to win prizes:
Parachute Games - Face Painting - Bubbles - Crafts - Races



50/50 Draws

BC Gaming Event
Licence # 376591



MANOR HOUSE GROUNDS - 7655 FINTRY DELTA ROAD



EVENT DETAILS AT FINTRY.CA



WE'RE HIRING:

Museum Interpretive Guides

To learn more & apply visit:

FINTRY.CA
30th Fintry Delta Road, Kelowna BC, V1P 0Y2

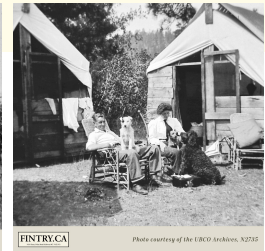
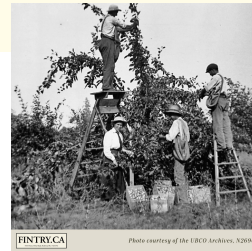
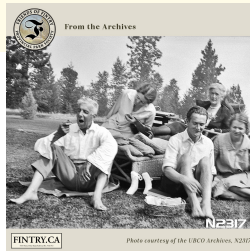
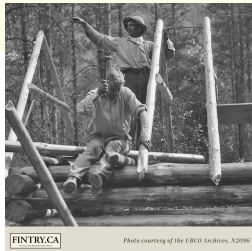
We're Hiring 2 Students! Join the Friends of Fintry team!

The Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society is hiring two Museum Interpretive Guides for the summer season! Do you know of any students that are passionate about history, education, and the great outdoors?

- Location: The Fintry Manor House in Fintry Provincial Park, half-way between Kelowna and Vernon on Westside Road.
- Duration: 8 weeks, 35 hours/week starting July 2nd
- Eligibility: Students aged 18-30 and returning to school in the fall (Canada Summer Jobs Program)

As an Interpretive Guide, you'll lead museum tours, assist with events, and develop engaging programs that bring Fintry's rich history to life.

Email resume to business@fintry.ca or visit www.fintry.ca/employment for more details and to apply.



Check out the history reel of Facebook April posts above and follow 'fintryestate' for more history that matters!


Bat Facts

Participate in the BC Annual Bat Count. Join the Okanagan Community Bat Program on the evenings of:

- June 3, 2025
- June 13, 2025
- July 11, 2025
- July 19, 2025 - *Fintry Bat Festival*

If you are interested in participating in the bat count, please email okanagan@bcbats.ca to sign up.

Got Bats?
 1-855-922-2287
www.bcbats.ca

Sharon Bettesworth
 Ann Crook
 Marg Curley
 Luke Grant
 Liz MacArthur
 Kathy Munts
 Laura Murphy
 Cathy Shultz
 Nancy Vince
 Shannon Wylie

Fintry Fusion

Art Show and Sale

Saturday June 21 2025 10 - 5
 Sunday June 22 2025 10 - 4

Strawberry Cream Tea
 Soup & a Bun
 Live Music & Artist Demos

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