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Nicola Valley Heritage Society (Baillie House)

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

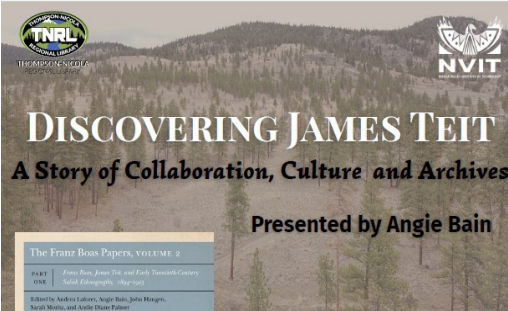
The Nicola Valley Heritage Society – Baillie House is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our team!

We need helping hands for upcoming events, gardening projects, and our popular yard sale. Whether you love local history, enjoy working outdoors, or just want to give back to the community, there's a place for you here.

No experience needed—just a willingness to pitch in and have fun!

Interested? Stop by Baillie House, or contact us at 250-378-0349 or [bailliehouse@gmail.com](mailto:bailliehouse@gmail.com).  
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**DISCOVERING JAMES TEIT**  
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The Franz Boas Papers, VOLUME 2

Join us as Angie Bain shares her team's work on Volume 2 of the **Franz Boas Papers Project** which shines a spotlight on the remarkable collaboration between Boas and local ethnologist James Alexander Teit.

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**Friday October 17**  
10:30 AM

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Angie Bain is a researcher with the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and a proud member of the Lower Nicola Indian Band. Born and raised in Merritt, BC—the same community where ethnologist James Teit lived and worked—Angie brings a unique and deeply personal perspective to her research on Indigenous history and cultural preservation.



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## Last chance for 2025 OCP consultation

There is still a chance to give your feedback to City Council on the Official Community Plan update.

The OCP outlines the City of Merritt's long-term vision, goals, and policies to guide land use, growth, and development. The proposed 2025 update to OCP will better address housing needs, align with provincial requirements, and streamline development approval processes. The proposed changes include:

- Compliance with Small Scale Multi Unit Housing (SSMUH) legislation
- Incorporation of the City's 20-year housing needs as identified in the 2024 Housing Needs Assessment
- Alignment with TNRD's Regional Growth Strategy

The City is offering residents a last opportunity for input by reviewing the th webpage: [www.merritt.ca/ocp](http://www.merritt.ca/ocp), watch the online presentation with slide deck, and complete the survey by October 8.

## Nicola Mining diversifies with gravel & ready-mix

Nicola Mining, along with partner Lower Nicola Site Services Ltd, has completed a long term expansion of its gravel pit and completed construction on a new cement ready mix plant.

The company can extract of up to 3.0 million metric tonnes of inert available rock material that may be used for the infrastructure reconstruction efforts, up to approx. 1500 tonnes per day.

They have finalized all required permits to operate and expand gravel pit operations, aas well as the installation of an underground culvert allowing for aggregate to be transferred from opposite side of the highway, having significant long term implications.

LNSS has secured contracts to supply gravel and cement for Teck Highland Valley Copper's planned \$2.5 billion expansion project, which will be sourced from Nicola Mining's gravel pit and ready-mix cement plant.

They have also secured contracts with the Ministry of Transportation and various private sector entities that will be sourced from the site.

"Though Nicola continues to solidify itself as a regional milling partner and operator of the Dominion Gold Project, we highlight an emphasis on operational revenues as the fuel of expansion. We recognize that the rock quarry, gravel pit and cement ready-mix plant are not our long-term core revenue generators; however, it all contributes to a solid bottom line. In addition, these operations are a catalyst to work closely with First Nations, local communities, and numerous infrastructure projects," said Chief Executive Officer Peter Espig.

Mondays-Fridays 12pm-5pm.

## Chilli & Coats ICS has announced that Chilli & Coats is returning to Spirit Square on October 17th from 11am-2pm. Come by to pick up a warm piece of winter gear, enjoy a hot beverage, and savour some delicious chilli — all while connecting with your community.

## BC Home Show

The Merritt Fall Home Show will take place October 31 - November 1 at the Merritt Civic Centre. The event offers a prime opportunity to connect with hundreds of homeowners and industry professionals in the heart of the Nicola Valley. Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm. Free admission. FMI <https://www.bchomeshows.com/fallevents/merrittfallhomeshow2025>

## More Rita Rudner quotes

In high school I was voted the girl most likely to become a nun. That may not be impressive to you, but it was quite an accomplishment at the Hebrew Academy.

They usually have 2 tellers in my local bank, except when it's very busy, when they have one. Men who have a pierced ear are better prepared for marriage - they've experienced pain and bought jewelry.

I work for myself, which is fun. Except when I call in sick, I know I'm lying.

I love to sleep. Do you? Isn't it great? It really is the best of both worlds. You get to be alive and unconscious.

## Community Try your hand at curling

Come to Merritt Curling Centre on Saturday, October 4, 10am-12noon to give it a try. Open to ages 9-99, dress warmly. If you like it, you can join a team for league play that starts Oct 6. FMI [www.merrittcurling.ca](http://www.merrittcurling.ca)

## NV Community Band

The Nicola Valley Community Band is looking for new members. If you have ever played an instrument, please dust it off and come join us. Call Nancy 250-315-9199. Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm at the MSS Band Room. Check out Facebook: Nicola Valley Community Band.

## Like to sing? Check out Merritt Community Choir

Merritt Community Choir meets Monday evenings at Trinity United Church, corner of Quilchena & Chapman, from 7 - 8:45. New members welcome! FMI contact Glenda, [gottens@telus.net](mailto:gottens@telus.net)

## City of Merritt open house

A City open house will be held Wednesday, October 8, 4-8pm at the Civic Ctre. The City of Merritt is working on a number of projects that concern the public. This event will cover the wide breadth of city operations including Public Works, Roads, Development, Planning, GIS mapping, Permitting, FireSmart, Emergency Preparedness, Recreation, Finance, and Careers, among others. Explore the displays and learn more about current and planned projects and how they affect members of the public. Senior staff will be available to explain functions, progress, and address any questions. Bouncy castle and colouring station to keep the kids entertained.

## NV Farmers' Market Haunted Harvest

Haunted Harvest is on October 11, come in costume and get your veggies as a zombie. It's the final day of the season, 9:30am-1pm, 2250 Voght St next to Baillie House.

## 'Whodunnit' Community Art Show

The NV Arts Council will bring back the Whodunnit Community Art Show, curated again by Linda Suzuki. Come to the NV Arts Centre Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun/holidays 12noon-4pm and pick up a 6x6 wood block, while supplies last. Create your artwork, any medium. Drop off your art by Oct 13. Volunteers will keep track of and assign a number to your work. The show will run Oct 15 -Nov 9.

## Barb's used book & music sale in Kamloops

The Kamloops Symphony Orchestra and KSO Music School present the Fall Edition of Barb's Used Book & Music Sale at the Pavilion Theatre, 1025 Lorne St. This community tradition offers thousands of gently used books, CDs, vinyl records, and more, with all proceeds supporting concerts and educational programming. Oct 4-18, Saturdays 10am-5pm; Sundays 12pm-4pm; and



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