

CHARLES HOEY VC



Charles Ferguson Hoey was born in Duncan in March 1914. He started his education at Queen Margaret's School then attended Duncan Grammar School and Duncan High School. In April 1933 he went to England with the intention of making the army his career. He enlisted in the West Kent Regiment and went to the Royal Military College at Sandhurst in September 1935. He graduated from Sandhurst in December 1936 and joined the 2nd Battalion, the Lincolnshire Regiment. He soon transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Lincolnshires, then in India. He went to Burma in 1942 and served there until his death in February 1944. He was awarded the Military Cross in July 1943 for his outstanding service at Maungdaw during a raid on a Japanese position. In February 1944, after a night march through enemy territory, a wounded Hoey reached the enemy post and killed all the occupants. Unfortunately, while capturing this vital peak, he was wounded again. This time the wound was fatal. Major Hoey is buried in Taukkyan Cemetery, Rangoon, Burma. He was one of only two Canadians to be awarded the Victoria Cross in the War against Japan. His Victoria Cross is on display at the Sabraon Barrack in Lincoln, England.

EVE SAVORY



Eve Savory was born in Duncan in 1948. She was educated at Queen Margaret's School, graduating in 1965. She continued her education at UBC, graduating from there in 1968. Eve pursued a career with the CBC National Television News service as a journalist, specializing in science, medicine and technology. She is frequently heard reporting news items on these subjects on the main CBC news broadcasts.

In 1990 the Science Council for B.C. established the **Eve Savory Award** for Science Communications. The award is given annually to a professional individual, or team, in communications, who promotes the knowledge of science in such a way as to "explain science to the general public".

In 1995, the Royal Canadian Institute, Canada's oldest scientific society, awarded Eve Savory the Sandford Fleming Medal and Citation for "her outstanding contribution to the public understanding of science. With this award, she joins a sort of 'hall of fame' of Canadian science journalists with fourteen other distinguished Canadians, including Dr. David Suzuki, the recipient of the award on its inception in 1982. Eve Savory was also honoured by the UBC student society with the 1998 Great Trekker Award, recognizing eminence in her field and contributions to the university community.

CLIO SMEETON



Clio attended QMS from 1946 – 1955, but did not graduate from here, as her parents wanted to sail their yacht to Australia. After the trip to Australia, Clio traveled extensively by foot, horseback and bus through India, Iran, Malasia, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Burma, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Moving on to Africa, Clio collected animals for zoos, worked in movies and as a writer, model and horse trainer.

When she eventually returned to Canada, Clio took over the Cochrane Ecological Institute founded in 1971 by her parents. They initiated the Swift Fox reintroduction programme, and started the only breeding facility in the world for the endangered Swift Fox. This facility is still very active, and has saved the Canadian Swift Fox from extinction. Animals are bred only for reintroduction into the wild, and well over 800 foxes have been re-introduced into the Canadian Prairies. Clio is now the President of the CEI.

For further information contact: cei@nucleus.com or www.ceist.org/swift_fox.html

Note: Clio's parents, Miles and Beryl Smeeton have written various books on their adventures whilst sailing around the world, as well as their interests in wild life preservation.

LISSA CALVERT



Lissa was born in England and emigrated to Canada with her parents. She was in St. Michael's House, and was very involved in sports, riding, Guides and the Chapel Choir. She said that, "QMS influenced my choice of career by encouraging independent effort and rewarding my efforts with class prizes!" Lissa began painting and drawing wildlife when she was still very young, and had had work published by the time she was seventeen. She was fortunate that there was a rising public interest in natural history and ecology, and today her works are hung in museums and art galleries around the world. She still spends a lot of time kayaking and walking in the wild areas of Vancouver Island.

For further information go to www.madincraft.com or 'Google' - enter Lissa Calvert.

SENATOR IONE CHRISTENSEN O.C.



Born in 1933 in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Ione was "sent out" to school at Queen Margaret's for Grades 3-6. She started in September 1945 and left to go back to school at home, in June 1949.

After finishing her schooling in Whitehorse, Ione attended college in California where she earned a degree in Business Administration. From 1958-1967, she worked in a variety positions with the Government of Yukon Territory. Her interest in Law and her community involvement, lead her to such positions as Justice of the Peace, Juvenile Court Judge, and Chair of the City of Whitehorse Planning Board. She was Mayor of Whitehorse for two terms, and was Chair of the Association of Yukon Municipalities and as a Director with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. For several years she was President of Hospitality North Ltd. and held several other directorships and positions with the Government of Yukon Territory.

Awarded the Order of Canada in 1994, she was appointed to the Senate in September 1999, by the Rt. Honourable Jean Chrétien, Senator Ione Christensen represents the Yukon and the Senatorial Division of Yukon Territory. She is a Member of several Senate Committees, her main areas of interest and specialization being municipal affairs, and northern development.

For more information: 'Google' – enter Ione Christensen.

RONA MURRAY 1924-2003



Rona was born in England but spent her first years in India. In 1932, her family immigrated to Canada, and Rona then came to QMS, from where she graduated in 1941. She received her first degree from UBC and then attended the University of Kent where she earned her Doctorate in English Literature.

She taught at the college and university level for many years. She married potter Walter Dexter, but wrote books under her maiden name, Rona Murray. She wrote a one-act play called *Blue Duck's Feather and Eagledown* which was selected for performance at the B.C. Centennial celebrations in 1958. She was scriptwriter for a film called *Harmonie* and wrote a book in conjunction with her husband.

Her early life in India, and another visit to those haunts in the 1980's, lead her to write a travel memoir *Journey Back to Peshawar*. Her other biography, *Memory of Elsewhere*, recounts her experiences after a near-fatal car crash. Rona was 79 when she died in July 2003

For further information: 'Google' - enter Rona Murray.

SUSANNA PAMELA BLUNT

Susanna was born in Harbin, Manchuria and came to Queen Margaret's as a Boarder in Grade 8. She was a member of the Chapel Choir for three years and was a Prefect in her Grade 12 year, graduating in 1958.

Susanna started studying art at the Banff School of Fine Arts while still at school, and after graduating she had a year of private lessons in Victoria. She soon moved to England to further her studies, attended art school and won a scholarship to the Royal Academy for four years. During that time she won several awards and a silver medal. Her first one-woman show was held at the Canadian Art Galleries in Calgary Alberta, since which time she has exhibited internationally. The year after completing her Art Diploma, Susanna worked with Yoko Ono on various Art projects and was invited to jury a national art competition.

Susanna has taught art in California and at UBC and her work has been commissioned by people from around the world. Known mainly, but by no means exclusively, for her portraits, Susanna has painted such famous people as Prince Edward and Gerda Hnatyshyn, wife of Canada's former Governor General. QMS is, therefore, in excellent company as her portrait of Madame Davies, teacher, Deputy Head and Acting Head of QMS, between 1967 and 1997, hangs in our School Library. Susanna also designed the optical illusion room for Science World in Vancouver.

Susanna's most recent claim to fame was her new portrait of the Queen, which the Royal Canadian Mint released in June 2003. This new painting was produced in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee and will be used on all new Canadian coins. If you have a coin minted after September 2003 look for this crownless image of Queen Elizabeth and remember a student from QMS painted that portrait!

For more information: www.bluntart.com or 'Google' – enter Susanna Blunt.

LISA BIRKE

Lisa attended Queen Margaret's School before moving to Victoria to pursue her love of ballet. She eventually made the decision to make her career as an artist and attended Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design where she was awarded full tuition scholarships for three consecutive years graduating with a B.A. in 1998 and a B.F.A. in 1999.

Lisa paints traditional landscape and still life as a backdrop for line drawn characterizations of ordinary people stuck in tragic situations. Witty, humorous, and disturbing she calls her work "eye candy with a hint of acid." She is very clear about her intentions as an artist, and describes her works as being "like cars with all the features: traditional German dependability and engineering backed by racy new colours and a modern look, with as many gadgets crammed on as possible, including a pig on the hood and a mouse in the muffler."

Lisa has been featured on North By Northwest several times and also on CBC's ZeD.

JANE AUSTEN-LEIGH



Jane Austen Leigh (Joan Mason Hurley) spent some years at QMS before being sent to Aldeburgh, England, to complete her schooling. She was a direct descendant, (great-great-grandniece) of Jane Austen and helped co-found the Jane Austen Society of North America.

In 1939, Joan married Denis Mason Hurley and they lived for many years at the Shawnigan Beach Resort, which had been built by her husband's parents. When they eventually sold the resort and moved back to Victoria, Joan began her formal training as a writer. She entered UVic at the age of 48 and earned her BA, then attended UBC attaining a Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing in 1975. She was 55 before she began writing seriously. She had more than 30 plays presented on stage or broadcast by the CBC, written under her own name as well as her married, Joan Mason Hurley.

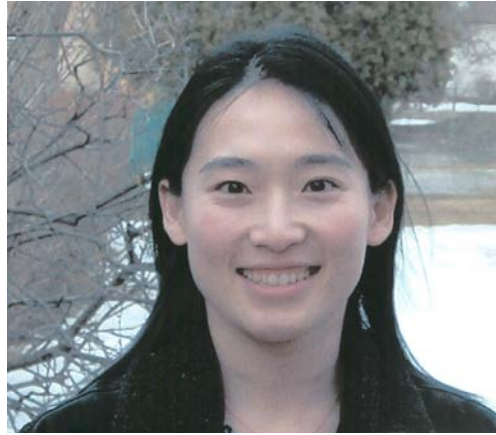
Joan's first novel, "Stephanie", describes the experience of growing up in Victoria during the Depression and her autobiographical story of life "at a boarding school" (QMS). She had to form her own publishing company, but sold over 5,000 copies of her novel. She followed this with a sequel, "Stephanie at War". QMS Drama Department produced her play, "Women's Work" in the Fall of 1986, a performance with which she was delighted.

In 2001 Joan was to receive an Honorary Doctorate from Goucher College in Baltimore which owns a large collection of Austen first editions and memorabilia, but she was very sick with Cancer by this time. The ceremony took place by speaker phone to the Victoria Hospice, and Carol Shields placed her own academic cap on Joan's head. Joan died on Oct. 12th 2001, the day before her 81st birthday.

For more information: Google – enter Joan Austen-Leigh or Joan Mason Hurley.

Josephine Chen, Class of '97

SPEECH DAY, JUNE 16TH, 2007 GUEST SPEAKER



Josephine graduated from QMS with Governor General's Award in 1997 and was the Head Girl of the graduating class. During her time at QMS, she was actively involved in the equestrian program (Riding Captain 1997), the field hockey (Team Captain 1997) and basketball teams, the concert band and the Chapel Choir.

Josephine obtained her Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Toronto (Toronto, ON) in 2001. Shortly after graduation, she began her career in the engineering consulting business, working on safety equipment analyses for the nuclear power industries. Josephine obtained her Professional Engineer (Ontario) designation in 2005 and continues her work at the engineering consulting business. In August 2006, she accepted the position as the Manager of the Risk Management Department in the consulting firm, and began working on projects ensuring public's safety in building structures, on amusement rides, and in large-scale public events.

Outside of work, Josephine enjoys karate and springboard diving. She holds a second-degree blackbelt in karate and is a certified provincial diving competition judge (Ontario). Josephine is also currently working towards a Master degree in Business Administration at the Schulich School of Business (Toronto, ON).

Lianne M. Lefsrud, M.Sc., P.Eng., Class of '88

SPEECH DAY, JUNE 14TH, 2008, GUEST SPEAKER



Lianne has a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering and an interdisciplinary Masters of Science, in Environmental Engineering and Sociology, both from the University of Alberta. She created her interdisciplinary Masters to understand the technical and socio-economic effects of noxious facilities. Her thesis specifically addressed the design considerations of a nerve-gas munitions incinerator for the U.S. Army. She is currently working on a Ph.D. in Business, in Strategic Management and Organizational Analysis, studying the role of professionals in the adoption of corporate environmental initiatives.

For the past five years, Lianne has been the Assistant Director Professional Practice with APEGGA (Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists, and Geophysicists of Alberta), the regulator of over 50,000 professional engineers and geologists in Alberta. She was the only woman director at APEGGA and the youngest by a fair margin. Her portfolio included Practice Standards, Environment, Practice Review, and Continuing Professional Development.

Previously, she spent almost seven years with CN Rail in various operational capacities including: engineering, mechanical, transportation, and marketing. As an interesting aside, she is qualified as a locomotive engineer and is used to answering "train" questions. She's also worked in construction, oilfield, water resources, and environmental consulting.

Lianne is active in the Air and Waste Management Association, WISEST (Women in Scholarship Engineering Science and Technology), is on the Board of the Rotary Club of Edmonton and the Edmonton Community Rotary Foundation, and is the public member on the Registration Committee for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta. She actively enjoys spending time with her family, running, downhill and cross country skiing.