

Our monthly e-bulletin provides quick updates on activities of THEN/HiER and its partners.

What's new with THEN/HiER?

* **THEN/HiER's website launched!** THEN/HiER is thrilled to announce the launch of its new interactive website, www.thenhier.ca. It is aimed at anyone interested in history education in Canada and around the world, including academic historians; public historians in museums, archives, and historic sites; practicing teachers; researchers based in faculties of education; curriculum policy-makers; and graduate students. In addition to accessing all kinds of valuable information related to history education, members can interact through the website by uploading their own videos and podcasts, posting descriptions of collaborative projects, or starting a discussion about topics related to history education through one of our forums. Membership is free! Click [here](#) to sign up now!



* **Network Manager Anne Marie Goodfellow** presented at the Forest History Association of BC's Annual Conference (September 17-19) and discussed areas within the grades 5, 10, and 11 BC social studies curriculum where forestry is the subject. She learned of two new resources jointly developed by the Council of Forest Industries and Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.: *Climate Change and Our Forests* (grades 5-7) and *Climate Change, Our Forests, Our Future* (grades 10-12). Read the [press release](#).

* **Executive Board Member Ruth Sandwell** is currently compiling materials for her upcoming book, *Heat, Light and Work in Canadian Homes, 1900-1950*. If you or someone you know remembers such things as cooking on a wood stove, operating wringer washing machines, or lighting and heating without oil or electricity, and would like more information about participating in the project, contact Ruth Sandwell at ruth.sandwell@utoronto.ca or Melissa Otis at melissa.otis@utoronto.ca

To see what's new with some of THEN/HiER's partners, see page 2.

What's new with our partners?

* **Benchmarks of Historical Thinking.** Two major Benchmarks events are coming up in 2010: *A Big Step Forward: Historical Thinking in Provincial Curricula, Assessments and Professional Development* involves a two-day meeting of teachers, historians, history education scholars, provincial and territorial ministries of education representatives, and publishers in Toronto, February 19th and 20th; and a Summer Institute on historical thinking for history curriculum leaders, history teachers, and educators in history museums and historic sites in Ottawa, July 5th to 10th. A detailed article about these and other Benchmarks initiatives will appear in THEN/HiER's October newsletter.



* **Landmark Merger: Historica-Dominion Institute.** THEN/HiER partner Historica has merged with the Dominion Institute to create the Historica-Dominion Institute. Read the details here.

* **Association for Canadian Studies Student Forum** will be held in conjunction with the Association for Canadian Studies Annual Conference *Making Sense of Place: Geographies and Identity in Canada and Elsewhere* announced in THEN/HiER's August e-bulletin. More information is available on the ACS website.

* **Canada's National History Society's** National History Awards Program has extended the deadline for a contest where kids are encouraged to create an illustrated story based on any element of Canada's past. Winners will receive a \$1000 RESP and a trip to Ottawa. Read more here.



* **Canadian Museums Association National Conference, *Evolving Boundaries: Linking People, Place & Meaning***, will take place May 10 to 15, 2010 in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Read more here.

* **Parks Canada's Teacher Resource Centre** has theme-based units applicable to history and social studies curriculum across Canada. These resources are available online.

MORE TO COME IN OUR NEWSLETTER NEXT MONTH!