

The Flywheel

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General meeting: March 8, 2022 at **7:00 p.m.** on Zoom
Board meeting: March 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

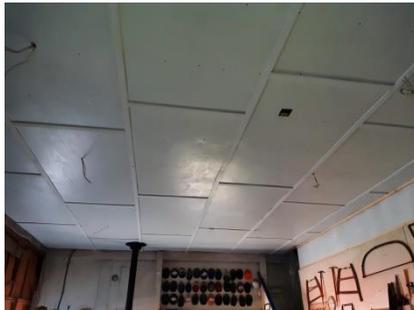
Please note that General meetings now start at 7:00 p.m.

Walker Shop Now Warmer, Brighter and Cleaner

The Walker Shop now has a ceiling! Over three days, Rick Clements, Fred Giesler, Bill Haynes, Bill (Smitty) Smith, Doug Hunt, Jim Szmigelsky, Richard Laffere and Gordon Bryant, with the help of a scissor lift installed a plastic vapour barrier, and white painted sheets of plywood, with trim. New lights, with reused fans, will be installed by electrician member Gus Cherneski. Donated insulation, will be shredded and blown in.

The Walker Shop is now a whole lot warmer, brighter, and free of accumulated fine sawdust on the mezzanine, after 40+ years, without a ceiling.

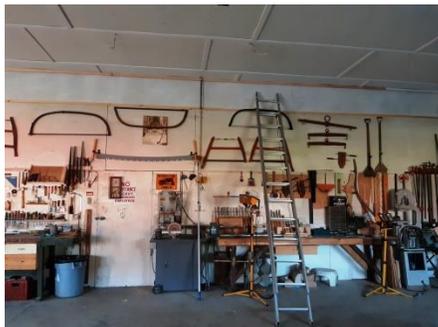
Here are some pictures:



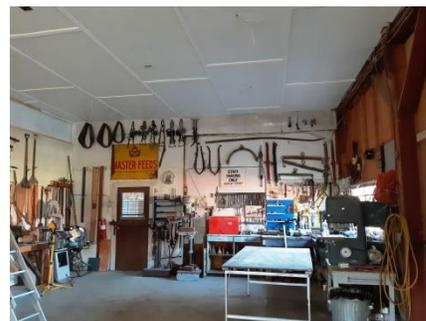
Note that the lights have not yet been put up.



East end of the shop



South side



West side

As part of our ongoing cleaning and resorting of 1001+ items on the mezzanine in the Walker Shop, we need surplus plastic milk box crates (any colour) you may no longer need. Drop off at Walker shop. The cleaning is a major job!

Tractors

Here's a picture of the John Deere beauty ATA acquired from Stuart Vanderkooi in the front of the Pioneer. You can see the John Deere tractors Stuart donated in the background.



Update on the Eating Area Roof

Here are a couple of pictures of the Eating area. You can see the new supports for the roof, and the second picture shows the ropes holding the old roof down. Once we put the new metal roof on in the spring those ropes can go.

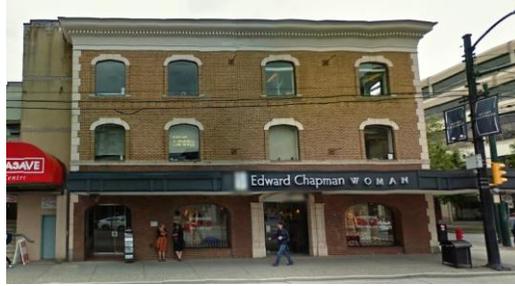


Museum Hours

The Museum is currently closed, but we do hope to consider reopening in March.

ATA's Artefacts IX: The Hearse

ATA has two hearses, a horse-drawn one from about 1907 and a 1926 Hudson hearse. The horse-drawn hearse is an extremely interesting artefact and has a long history. It was owned by the T. Edward's funeral parlour on Granville at 10th in Vancouver and was used from about 1907 to 1926, when it was replaced by a 1926 Hudson hearse, which ATA also has. Below is a photo of the building when Edwards used it and a recent photograph of its current situation. The building was built in 1928 and was restored in 1970 when Edward Chapman took over. This is thus not the building in which the hearse was installed in its early years.



Here is an early photo of the interior.



A visitor to our museum told us that it was in the basement of the Edwards funeral home for many years, and as he worked there, he used to see it every day. Eventually the hearse went to the Transportation Museum, and when it was shut down it came to us. Apparently the Vancouver undertakers group wanted the hearses, but we were lucky enough to get them. Luckily for us, the undertakers paid for the construction of the room the hearses are now in. The hearse has never been restored, just kept clean and oiled. It is in remarkable condition and is one of the best and most interesting artefacts we (or anyone else!) have.

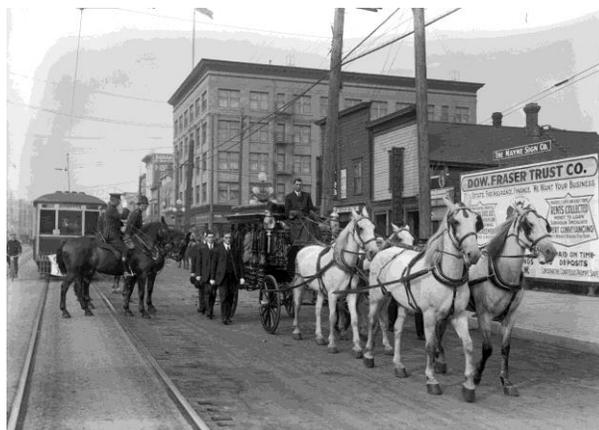


It is very hard to find information about the Company and the hearse. It was probably retired around the time they bought the 1926 Hudson hearse. ATA member Corrine Kriegl found what we all think are a couple of photographs of the hearse in a funeral procession in 1914. The photos were taken at the funeral of Vancouver police detective Richard Levis, who was murdered on August 27, 1914. He was investigating a stabbing when the perpetrator shot him point-blank with a sawed-off shotgun. He died two days later at age 28. He was one of 16 police officers killed in the line of duty in Vancouver.



Photo courtesy of Vancouver Police Museum

Below are the two photos of the funeral procession, showing our hearse.



In the photos, the lamps, curtains and the fringe around the top are all identical to the ones on our hearse, so we can only conclude that we now can link the hearse back to a funeral in 1914, complete with photographs! Note the top hat on top of the lamp.

Community Events

If you have an event or a group you belong to has an event or course you think our members might be interested, please let us know. We would be happy to put a note in the Flywheel. Here’s some interesting events from Janet Pohl.

The Rhythm Reelers Square Dance Club is restarting. There will be 3 free lessons for beginners on Friday March 4th, 11th & 18th. Come out and give it a try if you are interested in joining the dancing fun. Lessons are held at the Greendale Elementary Gym. Text Janet Pohl your email address to 778-933-1650 or email her at jgepohl@gmail.com to get all the details.

The **Chilliwack Lawn Bowling Club Open House** is from 11 to 3 on Sat., **May 14th**. Wear flat shoes if you want to go on the greens. The Club is located at 9350 Edward St., on the corner of Edward and Princess. Contact Brian at 604-854-4639 or email chilliwacklawnbowlingclub@gmail.com.

Lawn Bowling Garage and Bake Sale 2022 - This one day event will occur on Sunday, March 20th from 9 to 3. Come on out and get some deals. Hope to see you there. Janet Pohl

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