

GCPS Progress Report
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By Diane Sterne

- Happy New Year Granite Creek Preservation Society members. I am sending you warm wishes for a healthy and happy 2025.
- Sam Adler was an early prospector and business owner at Granite Creek. He has always piqued my interest resulting in my years-long search for information about his life. Sam owned the Cariboo House Hotel at Granite Creek in 1885. I included a short story about him in my book, White Gold and Black Diamonds, however, the rest of Sam's life eluded me. I discovered a lucky lead one day and the rest is history. Sam certainly lived an interesting life. I wrote an article about him which our Webmaster Ray Boyd has kindly added to our website. You can find it here: <https://www.granitecreekbc.ca/arc-bio.html> There are also some accompanying photos.
- In December Bob Sterne paid the Doteasy bill for the GCPS domain name. The cost was \$58.22 and it is valid for two years. I put the bill on my credit card to be reimbursed by the GCPS.
- Just a reminder there are still 4 black hats (\$20 each), 6 blue hats (\$20 each) and one 4XL tall shirt for \$35.00 available.
- For those who have not renewed their membership, you can do so online at: www.granitecreekbc.ca. Click on the "donate" button at the bottom of the page. Alternately, you can mail a cheque (made out to the Granite Creek Preservation Society) or cash to: 1841 Main Street, Coalmont, B.C. VoX 1Wo. Memberships are \$10 per person per year. Now that the mail strike is over, I will be mailing out cards to those who have already paid.
- I want to thank all of you, our Granite Creek family, for your continued support. I am so proud of the great work our association has accomplished since its inception. We have had another extraordinary year. Below are some of our 2024 accomplishments:
 - we replaced 5 of the Walking Tour signs,
 - had an amazing logo created by Roy and Kerry Roberts resulting in hats and t-shirts made by Auto-Tac. All the hats were donated by our Chair, Chris Goodfellow, as a fundraiser. Director, Todd Lester, advertised the GCPS "bling" on numerous Facebook pages,
 - had the Delprato Cabin railing replaced by Dawn Tyacke and the Nervous-Rex Softroaders,
 - discovered the Jack Thynne autobiography,
 - updated the Walking Tour maps to include QR codes,
 - were treated with a presentation by Tony Cook of family memorabilia from his great-grandfather, and Granite Creek merchant, F.P. Cook,
 - received photos from Rick McGowan of his great-grandmother, Jessie Olding-Hunter's most prized possessions, including her pump organ which was slung on ropes by six Chinese over the Hope Trail to Granite Creek,

- shared some of our digital holdings with the Princeton Museum to put on their website, and
- kept our ever-changing website updated by our amazing Webmaster, Ray Boyd.

Thank you all so very much. The Granite Creek Preservation Society would not be successful without YOU!

- Financial Report: 9 paid members; current bank balance \$3,913.85; PayPal \$0; cash on hand \$0; accounts payable to Ernie Rice when he builds and installs the Delprato Cabin picnic table \$800; money paid to Diane Sterne for expenses previously paid \$93.35. Total balance \$3,113.85.