



SHEET METAL WORKERS TRAINING CENTRE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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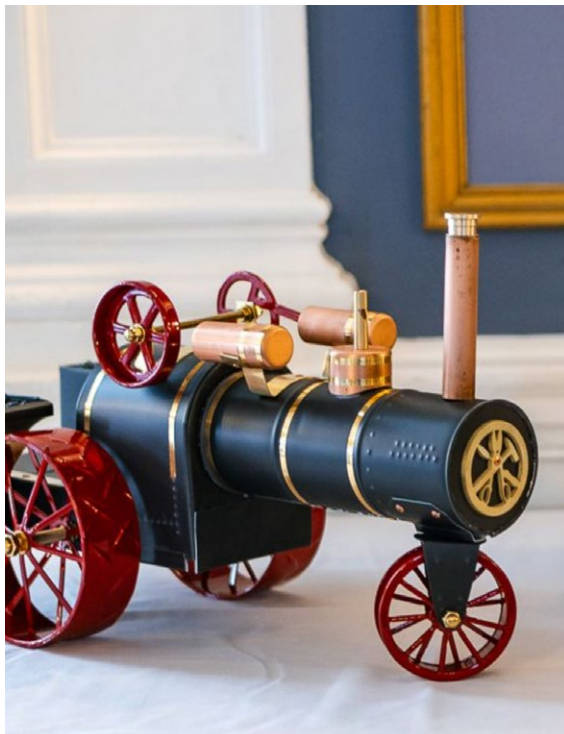
Canadian Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Competition

The 47th Annual Canadian Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Competition took place in Saskatoon (July 12 – 15, 2023).

This year's project was a replica of the American-Abell Steam Traction Engine from 1911, displayed in the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon.

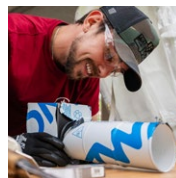
Henry Derksen, from Century Plumbing and Heating Ltd., our Level 4 Apprentice Contest winner was selected to represent [SMART Local Union 280](#). Another SMWTC graduate, Melanie Gregor-Payne was selected to represent Local 276. Congrats to both competitors!

Check out this [YouTube video](#) to meet some of the competitors. Congratulations to all participants!



Henry Derksen

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2023 SMWTC Annual Apprentice Contest

A return to normalcy! After a LONG hiatus since 2019 thanks to COVID restrictions, the SMWTC Annual Apprentice Contest will be hosted on November 25th at the Main facility.

The contest has apprentices from levels 1, 2, 3 & 4 competing with each other per level. In past years, Level 4 winners represented SMACNA & Local 280 at the Canadian Contest, hosted next year in Monton, NB - May 2024. Level 2 & 3 winners have represented SMWTC at [Skills Canada BC Competition](#) hosted at Tradex, in Abbotsford, BC – April 2024.

All competitors will receive door prizes donated by industry including a t-shirt. All level winners will receive a plaque and a Local 280 jacket to be presented at the January general meeting.

Invitations will be sent out to apprentices shortly. Space is limited and first come first serve. We have a limited number of contestant spots so if you don't want to miss out, please RSVP to Astrid: astrid@smwtcs.ca by Friday, November 17th to reserve your spot!



SMWTC
Annual Apprentice
Contest

SEPTEMBER 2023 GRADS



2342M-H4 (July 10 – September 1, 2023)

18 students conquered the extreme heat over the summer months! This was another outstanding class with 18/18 Level 4 Sheet Metal students successfully completing Level 4! The Interprovincial Red Seal exam results were good too. Well done everyone. Best of luck to each and every one of you!



UTIP Updates:



Construction Foundation of BC Gateway project



This collaborative [Skills Ready](#) initiative has been a great opportunity to introduce women to sheet metal and build more diversity in our labour force. So far, ten women participated in this one day 'bootcamp' workshop taught by Sheila Sadler, a female journey. Several have been hired by contractors including [Modern Niagara](#) and [Viaduct Sheet Metal Ltd.](#)

Indigenous People and Newcomers to Canada UTIP Advisory Committees

Building on the momentum of the Women in Sheet Metal Advisory Committee, in late November, we will launch the advisory committees for the other key groups targeted in our UTIP project: Indigenous People and Newcomers to Canada. Attendees will share their experiences and help shape equity, diversity and inclusion in the sheet metal industry. Watch for email invitations to RSVP.



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Tradeswomen Build Nations 2023

The largest gathering of tradeswomen in the world will take place on December 1-3 in Washington, D.C. The [Tradeswomen Build Nations conference](#) brings together women from across North America representing diverse trades. We will have 12 [SMART Local 280](#) delegates attending this event to represent the sheet metal industry.

Be our Guest!

Our training centres were visited by several prestigious guests over the last few months at both our facilities. Our new Valley training facility has increased our capacity to meet the growing demand for apprenticeship training led by industry demand and Skilled Trades Certification. However, we continue to seek additional funding (\$750,000) needed for the last two phases of renovations,

particularly the completion of the Valley welding department. These government officials and industry leaders learned more about the growing need for sheet metal training and puts SMWTC on the radar for potential funding in the future. These visits also spread the word that sheet metal is a great option for people choosing skilled trades as a rewarding career!





July 19th, 2023

We hosted a tour of the MAIN training centre (Surrey) with our guests Hon. Rachna Singh, Minister of Education; Hon. Andrew Mercier, Minister of State for Workforce Development & MLA Surrey-Green Timbers; and Brynn Bourke, Executive Director of the BC Building Trades.

Hon. Andrew Mercier, Minister of State of Workforce Development & MLA for Langley visited the Valley training centre (Langley) along with Richard Mangelsdorf & Steve Davis, Trustees and Local 280 representatives.



September 7th, 2023



September 14th, 2023

We welcomed more guests to our Valley training centre (Langley) coordinated by Jeremy Allingham, BC Building Trades: Brittny Anderson, MLA for Nelson-Creston, Parl Sec for Tourism and Premier Eby's Special Advisor on Youth; Janet Routledge, MLA Burnaby-North; and Roly Russell, MLA for Boundary-Similkameen; Jeremy Hallman, SMACNA-BC Executive Director; and Mark Kuelle, President, SMACNA-BC and Board Trustee.

BC Building Trades Trade Ambassadors



Our partner, [BC Building Trades](#) identified key players in diverse trades to become youth trade ambassadors for the [College of BC Building Trades](#). The youth trade ambassadors visited the Main training centre in Surrey on September 26th to learn more about sheet metal. They will be working with high school educators to schedule workshops with students interested in the trades.



Our recent journey, Nicole Pasqualini, [Ridge Sheet Metal](#) was one of the outstanding group of activists out for the 2023 BC Building Trades Youth Conference on October 16th ahead of the BCBT's Constitutional Convention in Victoria! This is the future of the labour movement!!



Try-A-Trade Workshop With Residents at a Minimum Security Healing Centre

Our partner, the [Construction Foundation of British Columbia](#) coordinated a skill-building workshop with residents onsite at a minimum-security healing centre on September 28, 2023. This was a great opportunity for residents to explore the sheet metal trade as a potential career choice. Sheila Sadler, sheet metal journey, assisted participants to craft “Carry Some” metal toolboxes. This initiative was hosted in recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sep 30, 2023) to conduct outreach to the indigenous community.



Comings & Goings

Our Board Trustee, Richard Mangelsdorf, SMART Local 280 Business Manager, Financial Secretary Treasurer has accepted a position with SMART International Education Department. Our Board Trustee, Troy Clutchee is stepping in as interim SMART Local 280 Business Manager, Financial Secretary Treasurer. We will be seeking a replacement Board Trustee.

Show n' Shine 2023

Hosted onsite at Valley training facility, there were representatives from SMART Local 280, retirees, families and friends in attendance showcasing 20 vehicles. Jud Martell, Training Coordinator and Board Trustees provided tours to participants interested to see the new facility.



AWARDS FOR PEOPLES CHOICE

-  BEST TRUCK
-  BEST MOTORCYCLE
-  BEST CAR
-  BEST PAINT

+ FAN FAVOURITE!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 11:00AM - 2:00PM
SHEET METAL TRAINING CENTRE – VALLEY LOCATION
5514 275 ST, LANGLEY TWP, BC V4W 3X7

FREE ENTRY – SNACKS – 50/50 DRAW

VEHICLE REGISTRATION OPEN TO EVERYONE
TO REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE PLEASE CALL 604-430-3388
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