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President.	John Walkley.	929 6532.	mcheveldayoff@telus.net
Vice President.	Donna Laws.	261 4691	donnaalex@telus.net
Secretary	Janet Blanchet	987 4349	janb@sfu.ca
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Coordinator.	Norman Swartz	420 7454	swartz@sfu.ca
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Comittee }	Ron Ramsay	224 3995	rramsay@lynx.net
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CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION It is hoped to get a working party organised for mid-June. The garden group needs more bodies to help pull out the ivy and prepare paths with bark mulch, and volunteers to write short pieces to get funding and raise the group's profile on campus. If interested in a few hours gardening to help make SFU even more beautiful attend the meeting **May 26th at 12.30 in Room 9705 Applied Science Building, or contact Janet Blanchet** (987 4349, janb@sfu.ca).

RETIREE ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW. Our members were invited to submit their work for consideration for inclusion in the Faculty, Staff and Student Exhibition in the SFU Art Gallery last November. We wondered at that time if members would be interested in having their own on-campus exhibition, an exhibition of the wide range of arts and crafts practised by our members, oil painting, sculpting, furniture making, weaving, pottery, quilting, photography, poetry.... . We now have someone who is willing to organise such an exhibition **if our members have things they have crafted and would submit for possible inclusion in such an exhibition.** If there seems to be sufficient items to build into an exhibition then we will go ahead and organise one. So, assuming the exhibition would be at least six months away, if you have/will have something you would wish to exhibit phone or e-mail John Walkley,(929 6532. mcheveldayoff@telus.net) saying **WHAT** and **HOW MANY** , and, of course, giving your **NAME**. **Do it NOW.**

AND FOR YOUR SUMMER'S DELIGHT.

MAY 25th Thursday. Guided tour around Vancouvers Old Chinatown and then Dim Sum lunch. Contact Janet (987 4349, janb@sfu.ca) for details.

JUNE 14th WEDNESDAY An evening at the **HASTINGS PARK RACE TRACK**

There are still a few places left, so if you want to join fellow retirees in the stands, enjoy a pleasant buffet dinner, and try your skill at picking a winner, contact George Suart, 925 2259, suart@sfu.ca .

JUNE 27th Tuesday. Picnic/lunch at the historic **Kilby Farm and Store** (Harrison Mill)

A Fraser Valley living history site. Join us on a tour of this heritage store, old-style post office, pantry, kitchen....**Tour starts at 11 a.m.** \$6.00 for the tour and \$7.00 for lunch, or bring your own picnic. We will try to arrange car pooling. **RSVP** by June 20th to Donna Laws for more details. (261 4691).

E -Mail If you have changed your e-mail address please let Marg Jones know (291 3360, jonesa@sfu.ca) and if you want to find out how to get an e-mail address contact Norman Swartz, 420 7454.

The SFURA Executive Committee wishes all our members a very busy and enjoyable Summer. Our next Newsletter will reach you in September and we promise you a full and exciting calendar of events for the Fall with theatre visits, lunch time talks, the Fall Dinner, a visit to the new SFU Centre for Dialogue, a guided tour of the Buddhist Temple and a new round of the very popular "lunch of the month" meetings!