

## Exhibition, Online: Applebox Belles. The Women of Lake Country's Packinghouses



Applebox Belles presents the stories of the pioneers, the Summer Girls, and the champion Apple Wrapper Flappers of Lake Country's early apple packing industry. These determined women quickly became the workforce of the packinghouses, sorting, wrapping, packing, and stamping, and they transformed a routine job into a highly skilled profession for half a century until technological changes altered their roles. Meet the belles through their personal reminiscences, stories and photographs, and discover their legacy in this compelling exhibition by the Lake Country Museum and Archives.

The Lake Country Museum is launching a new virtual exhibit on the incredible Applebox Belles. Applebox Belles: The Women of Lake Country's Packinghouses, funded in part by the Virtual Museum of Canada through its Community Memories Investment Program, presents the stories of the women who shaped the history of the packinghouses. You can enjoy the exhibit by visiting the Lake Country Museum site at the [Virtual Museum of Canada](#).

Meet the belles of the early apple-packing industry in Lake Country, British Columbia. Known by names such as the Summer Girls and the champion 'Apple Wrapper Flappers', these determined women became the workforce of the packinghouses – sorting, wrapping, packing, and stamping. They transformed a routine job into a highly skilled profession over the course of a half-century until technological changes altered their roles. Their legacy is presented through personal reminiscences, stories, and photographs in this compelling exhibition.

The Lake Country Museum has worked in partnership with the community of Lake Country, the Greater Vernon Museum & Archives, the Kelowna Archives, and the Okanagan Historical Society for over a year to develop this historic exhibition, with assistance and personal interviews of the Belles and their families. The exhibition is presented in English and French with closed captioning and transcripts of videos in both languages.

The Virtual Museum of Canada's Community Memories investment program helps smaller Canadian museums and heritage organizations work with their communities to develop virtual exhibits that engage online audiences in the stories, past and present, of Canada's communities.

**[Click here to view Virtual Exhibit.](#)**

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