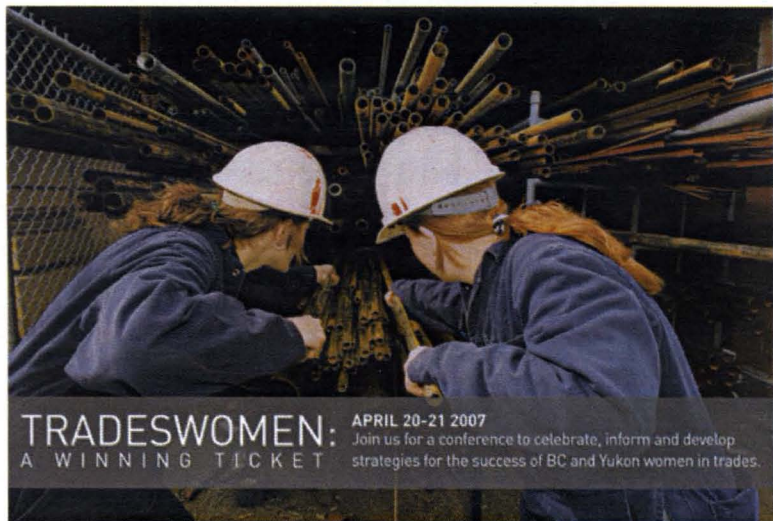


“TRADESWOMEN— A WINNING TICKET”

A conference to celebrate
BC/Yukon women in trades

APRIL 20 & 21, 2007

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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Join us for a conference to celebrate, inform and develop
strategies for the success of BC and Yukon women in trades.



PROGRAM—DAY 1

TRADESWOMEN- A WINNING TICKET

Friday, April 20, 2007

3:00—5:00 pm

(by invitation only)

Women in the Trades Focus Group
&
Employer Roundtable

5:00—6:00 pm

Cocktail Reception with Special Guest Speakers:

N. Rose Point (Blessing)

Elder, Sto:lo/Thompson Nation

Dr. John Pierce (Opening Remarks)

Dean of Arts, Simon Fraser University

Manley McLachlan

President, BC Construction Association

The Honourable Ida Chong

*Minister of Community Services & Minister Responsible
for Seniors' & Women's Issues*

Diana Miles

VP, Worker & Employer Services WorkSafe BC

Dr. Verna Magee-Shepherd

Acting VP of Education & Student Services, BCIT

6:00—7:00 pm

Women in Trades Panel:

**Heather Mayer, Judy Kujunkzik,
Dione Hencker & Cynthia Haugen**

7:30—8:30 pm

Social/Networking

PROGRAM—DAY 2

TRADESWOMEN- A WINNING TICKET

Saturday, April 21, 2007

8:00—9:00 am - Light Breakfast / Check in

9:00—9:15 am - Welcome and Introductions

9:15—10:00 am - Guest speaker (*Valerie Overend*)

10:00—10:15 am - Wellness break

10:15—11:15 am - First workshop

11:30—12:30 pm - Second workshop

12:30—1:30 - Lunch w/guest speaker (*Vivian Price*)

1:45—2:45 pm - Third workshop

3:00—4:00 pm - Plenary / Recommendations

4:00—6:00 pm - Light Supper

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Kate Braid
Ruth Wynn Woodward Chair
in Women's Studies,
Simon Fraser University

Kate Braid worked for many years as receptionist, secretary, child care worker and teacher before discovering construction.

She is a journey carpenter who earned her Red Seal in Construction Carpentry in 1983. She worked for 15 years in construction; including running her own renovations company (Sisters Construction). Kate was the first woman elected to the executive of the Vancouver Carpenter's Union and the first woman to teach trades full-time at BCIT.

She has written seven prize-winning books of poetry and creative non-fiction. The first, "Covering Rough Ground" is a book of poems about her experience as a carpenter. Most recently, she co-edited with Sandy Shreve, *In Fine Form*, the first collection of Canadian form poetry. Her current projects include a book of poems in the voice of Canadian pianist, Glenn Gould, and a memoir of her fifteen years as a carpenter. She teaches Creative Writing at Malaspina-University College in Nanaimo, but for 2000-2007 is on leave as the Ruth Wynn Woodward Chair in Women's Studies at SFU.

The Ruth Wynn Woodward Chair is the endowment named for Ruth Wynn Woodward, one of British Columbia's outstanding pioneer women. Through a lifetime of public service and personal accomplishment, she demonstrated the importance of the work of women to Canadian society. As well as raising three children, she was director and vice-president of Woodward's Stores Ltd., owner/operator of Woodwynn Farm, a founding director of the Junior League of Vancouver, and president of the Women's Auxiliary of Vancouver General Hospital.

For more information on the Ruth Wynn Woodward Chair in Women's Studies, please visit: <http://www.sfu.ca/ws/ruthwynnwoodwardprof.htm>

SPECIAL GUEST



Honourable Colin Hansen
Minister of
Economic Development



Colin Hansen was appointed Minister of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative and the Olympics on June 16, 2005.

He previously served as Minister of Finance (2004-05) and Minister of Health Services (2001-04).

Minister Hansen was first elected to the provincial legislature in 1996 to serve the constituency of Vancouver – Quilchena.

During his time in the legislature, he has also served as health critic for the Official Opposition, as well employment and investment critic, and critic for labour. He currently serves on Treasury Board, Agenda Development and the Government Caucus Committee of Natural Resources and the Economy.

Before his election to the legislature, he and his wife Laura ran a small business in Vancouver. Mr. Hansen also served as vice-president of finance and administration for the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. He has also been involved in a number of community organizations, having held such positions as director for the Vancouver-Yokohama Sister Society and chair of the Vancouver Museum board of trustees.

Born and raised on Vancouver Island, Colin has a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Victoria. He and his wife have two children and live in Vancouver.

SPECIAL GUEST



**Honourable Ida Chong
Minister of Community
Services & Minister
Responsible for Seniors' and
Women's Issues**



Ida Chong was appointed Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues on June 16, 2005.

She previously served as Minister of Advanced Education and Minister of State for Women's and Seniors' Services.

Ms. Chong was first elected in 1996 in the riding of Oak Bay-Gordon Head and was re-elected in 2001 and 2005.

Ms. Chong proudly retains her credentials as a Certified General Accountant and has won several awards for her work in this field for service at a chapter level, as well as for service on a provincial committee. In 1999, she was awarded the CGA Community Service Award.

Ms. Chong has worked extensively in public practice, and from 1985 to 2003 was senior partner in an accounting practice in Saanich. She also found time to volunteer for several non-profit organizations, serving as a board member.

Ms. Chong first entered political life as a municipal councillor for the District of Saanich in 1993. In her first term in provincial politics, she served as the Official Opposition critic for small business, tourism and culture, the deputy critic of finance, the deputy critic for women's equality and chair of the Official Opposition Committee on the Economy.

Since the 2001 election, Ms. Chong has served on many government committees. She has been chair of the Government Caucus Committee on Economy and Government Operations, as well as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, and the Special Committee on the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform.

She currently serves on Treasury Board, the Government Caucus Committee on Education and the Government Caucus Committee on Cross Government Initiatives.

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