A Non-Profit Community Publication

Shovels in the Ground!



(PRESS RELEASE)
The Shawnigan Lake
Historical Society is
excited to share that
the Museum expansion
will get underway at the
end of May, when the
construction mobilizes
to the site. We will hold
a ground-breaking
ceremony on June 3rd at
1:30 pm.

We have funding through Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program-Rural and Northern Communities (RNC) Program; Legacy Fund; ICET; CVRD and private donations. We are very grateful to the funders and our donors for making this project a reality.

Project Impact is a community supported capital expansion project to triple the size of the Shawnigan Lake Museum from 2100 sq. ft. to over 6000 sq. ft. The project will position the museum as the cultural hub of the community; it will grow tourism potential in the area; and it will provide space to invite the community and visitors in for events and workshops led by the storytellers of the community.

The project will result in local spending of more than \$2m on construction materials and labour in the local community(ies), create many new jobs during the construction, and generate new staff positions and volunteer opportunities within the museum, postconstruction.

"We have been working on this expansion project for over six years and have encountered setbacks (including COVID) along the way", says Executive Director Lori Treloar, "but we are certain that this project will have a significant positive impact for our community."

The Shawnigan Lake Historical Society is a charitable organization located in the heart of Shawnigan Lake Village. The Society was incorporated in 1977 and opened the museum in the original Firehall in 1983. For over 40 years, the museum has been a go-to place to connect community and visitors with the Shawnigan Lake experience, through heritage, culture and arts programming.

I congratulate the Shawnigan Lake Museum Board for their unwavering dedication to the future vision, despite the numerous obstacles they have encountered along the way. The new expansion paves the way for an exciting future for both our community and its visitors. Well done! The Community is incredibly proud. Sierra Acton, Area B Director

Visit shawniganlakemuseum. com or call 250-743-8675 for further information.

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Groundbreaking Ceremony

On June 3rd, the Shawnigan Lake Historical Society had the official Groundbreaking ceremony for Project Impact, the expansion of the Shawnigan Lake Museum. We had great support from the community. Over 60 people turned out to celebrate with us. Thank you to everyone who attended!

In particular, we were honoured that Sonia Furstenau, Green Party Leader, and MLA for Shawnigan Lake; Aaron Stone, CVRD Board Chair and Island Coastal Economic Trust Board member (one of our funders) and Lee Ferreira, on behalf of the Cameron family that gave a large donation to the project, were willing to show up on a sunny Saturday in June to help celebrate this milestone with us.

The crowd was very enthusiastic about the project!

We have a great Board of Directors, Michael Battler (Chair); Bill Camden (Treasurer); Lauren Miller (Secretary); Suelle Stewart; Jillian Lawrence; Jim Ward; and Blaise Salmon who will see this project through to the end...and we hope that you will be there, again, for the grand

opening in June 2024.

The whole Board pitched in to help market the event, set up the event and be available at the event. We also have great volunteers but, in particular, one stands out. Jill Camden is an amazing volunteer for the museum with a big skill set. She can handle anything, including programming for our school events. Jill was responsible for the Gold Shovels which are typical for Groundbreaking ceremonies. We could have bought shovels for \$500 dollar each, but Jill sprayed our shovels and made it happen for much less. We had many compliments. Jill also organized the set up for the ceremony. Grant *Treloar* is another amazing volunteer, who is a quiet hero for the Society. Grant and Jill were a dynamic duo for the set up of this event. Grant is there at the museum five days a week all year and is very instrumental in the success of the organization.

We also want to recognize *Kim Barnard* who donated her amazing gingerbread cookies as a takeaway for attendees, and Cobble Hill Country Grocer for providing cookies for our attendees.



Shawnigan Lake Rotary EcoClub

Celebrate with Us!
Kim Barnard

Secretary-President-StoryGatherer

www.ShawniganRotaryEcoClub.ca

It's a GREAT feeling when you score a goal, and we are celebrating several.
We started as volunteers who wanted to make
Shawnigan safer for wildlife, pets and people by putting litter where it belongs.
Together we are increasing LitterWatch coverage in every neighbourhood, park, trail and roadside stretch.
Thank you!

We're now sporting bright Volunteer shirts thanks to Shawnigan's Relax Collective, and maintaining "Plantings for Pollinators" at Mason's and the Village. Thank you to Thrifty's and other sponsors for donations of plants and supplies!

We were recently awarded Rotary District 5020's "Best Website" in our club size category - an ever-growing online resource. Visit our "Welcome to Discovery Disc Golf!" page to explore this wonderful outdoor activity that's fun for everyone. We collaborated with Discovery School and the Island's disc

golf community to revitalize the course. Contact us for guided rounds!

Let's Talk... Upcoming June Zooms are listed at our website under MEETING INFO from 8-9am on Saturdays. Join us on the 10th for sparking genius at BGI's Digital Campus with Sarah Smith; on the 17th with Zoe Lauckner to encourage youth through the Take a Hike Foundation; and on the 24th to unpack plans for the Wharf Park and Boat Launch projects. Have your say!

"Party On!" Thursday, June 15th from 5-7pm at the SBS Community Table in the Village, please join us for treats and tales, as we celebrate our 2nd year as the first environmental Rotary EcoClub in Canada! Together We GROW ideas into action, thanks to Rotary's support. All we need is you!

As we journey toward the July long weekend, we're especially mindful of the Q'ushin'tul Ancestors Walk from T'Sou-ke/Sooke to Swuq'us/MtPrevost from June 29 - July 2nd. Walkers will be refreshed here in Showe'luqun/Shawnigan along the way and welcome

support! We gratefully acknowledge the traditional custodians of Showe'luqun, the Hul'q'umi'num speaking peoples, who hunted and gathered in this area, respecting their caring connections to each other and the places where we live, work, and play.

Huy tseep q'u!



Cowichan South Arts Guild

Hello CSAGers! Jennie Stevens

Cowichan South Arts Guild

We have had some beautiful summery days lately and none more beautiful than the Music in the Garden event that was held at Shawnigan Lake on May 20th. If you were there, thank you so much for supporting local artists (we brought in \$598.00 that was divided amongst the three musicians) and if you weren't able to make it, hopefully we will have another Music in the Garden next summer!

Thanks to the 'crew', Jennie, Kayla, Trisha and Gerry for helping set up and take down and to Greg Boheman, Nemira Rose Samuels and Claire Coupland for the beautiful, uplifting and fun music you provided for the very appreciative audience.

On June 4th, Greg's last Accoustic Jam with us for at least six months, will be held at Evergreen Independent School Pavilion in Cobble Hill.

There won't be an acoustic jam in July. In August,

Nemira Rose Samuels will be taking over with a rescheduled date (for just August) on the second Sunday in August, rather than the first - August 13th, at Evergreen Pavilion.d

Celebrate the start of summer with our Solstice Community Singalong on June

Come and enjoy a short community singalong of family friendly songs to welcome the summer! Song Booklets will be provided for the event.

And, check out the Communi-Tree in full bloom, CSAG's seasonal Inspire!

Youth Art Installation - and maybe add your own creative touch to its beauty! Perhaps there might even be something budding on the tree for the younger singers!

A Call to Artists! The second annual Shawnigan Art in the Park is Sunday July 16th. We are hoping this event grows and grows and we will be providing free tables (sorry we don't have any extra tents) for up to 10 CSAG member artists who would like to display and sell their art. The first 10 artists who book will receive the free tables so let us know asap!

We will again be setting up

a Community Art Tent at each Music in the Park at Cobble Hill this summer. We are looking/hoping for volunteers to step in either at the Thursday evening events or with preparation of crafts and art activities. If you are interested in helping us out (with so much appreciation from the up to 80 children who have participated weekly) please contact Jennie or Kayla at hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com.

As always...be inspired! Your Cowichan South Arts Guild Directors

<u>hello@cowichansoutharts</u> <u>guild.com).</u>

South Cowichan Library

The Summer Reading Club keeps kids excited about reading during the school break. We have an event happening every week in July and August as well as draws for prizes. Get ready for a Peter Puffin concert, a Stuffie Sleepover, and more! Registration begins on Tuesday, June 20, online and in person.

The Adult Summer Reading Challenge runs July 4 to August 31 and registration starts on June 20, online and in person. You may win a free book (including advance copies) and maybe even a \$100 gift certificate to Volume One!

LEGO® Club meets every Tuesday, 2-5pm. We provide the LEGO (and Duplo) and you supply the imagination. Come ready to build! This is a free, drop-in event.

Conversational Spanish: this fun group practices Spanish in a casual setting each Monday at 6:30pm. June 19 will be the last session before a break for summer. ¡Hasta septiembre!

The Intermediate Chess Club meets every Wednesday for matches from 12:30-4pm.

Tech Help is available Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays, drop-in or by appointment. You can also set up a 1-on-1 Book a Librarian session most weekdays. Call or email to make an appointment.

The South Cowichan library has public computers for use when we're open as well as a printer/scanner and a copier. Printing costs \$.25/page and scanning is free.

The South Cowichan library has a Home Delivery service for locals unable to come into the library due to illness or injury. Staff collect books, audiobooks, and DVDs, which a volunteer delivers at the start of each month. Please call the library to find out more.

The South Cowichan Library in the Mill Bay Centre is open:

10am - 8pm, Monday and Tuesday

10am - 5pm,t Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

Find out more at virl.bc.ca and at www.facebook.com/VIRLSouthCowichan 250-743-5436

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Indigenous Food or Traditional Food?

Jared Qwustenuxun Williams Writer and Educator

Elders have told me that we should stop referring to Indigenous Food as Traditional Food,

For the longest time, I just referred to Indigenous foods as traditional food. I was always in community and often with elders. So, when I would talk about these foods it was in the company of people who would find these foods to be their traditional foods. But as I've started talking in larger circles and involving ministries, legislators, educators, and elders from all around the province I've noticed, and heard clearly from elders, that Traditional Food is not the right term.

Before you jump in with a sassy one liner about how it should just be called food, you're right! But when talking about barriers, cultural identity, and food-based racism it's impossible to simply call it food. It needs an acceptable adjective.

Obviously, the best solution is to have every language group use their own word for food. The Hul'q'umi'num word is Sulhtun. But inevitably, with the diversity of languages, it gets hard to keep track of the term in conversation with multiple nations at the table. Another good solution I heard from hwulmuhw elders and hwunitum people alike is the idea of changing what we now know as food to settler food, western food, or European food and just call indigenous food, food. Other terms I've heard for indigenous food are country food, natural food, or landbased foods.

Now, traditional food may not be the right term for a few reasons. Most obviously is that Indigenous food is not only traditional - it can be modern and evolve into new recipes and exists in modern times.

I had an elder tell me in a meeting, in a stern elder voice, that traditional food is the food her great grandparents ate and that it doesn't exist that same way anymore. A knowledge holder in another meeting said that the word traditional fossilizes our food and our food is not something we left in the past, it is an active part of our modern world and life. Another reason traditional may not be the right adjective is (continued on page 4)

EJ Hughes at Home on Vancouver Island

Robert Amos Author & Artist

In her diary, Pat Salmon recorded how the elderly artist dealt with his increasing fame:

15/11/2005

A reporter is calling from CBC tomorrow at eleven a.m. to do an interview and I will go to Ed's place early so I can help him get the phone.

16/21/2005

I set off for Duncan to be sure Ed was awake by eleven a.m. and just a few minutes ahead of time I told him that CBC was going to do a telephone interview with him. He was not pleased, not by a long shot. But we jollied around - at least I did - and we decided that he would answer the call and I would be sitting beside him. They eventually phoned at precisely eleven a.m., and I could hear it all rather well.

After a while, Hughes passed me the receiver so that I could say goodbye to the reporter, and I found out it was Maclean's Magazine and not the CBC! I was floored by my own inaccuracy. Years before, Maclean's had a story titled "Why Do We Hate the Cops?" on their cover, and Hughes immediately suspended his subscription. He was a trifle upset when he found that his parents intended to continue theirs. Now Hughes went into a tirade against both Maclean's Magazine and the CBC for their past sins. He went on with his tirade, and I meekly agreed with it all. By now I was very tired and knew the exact meaning of the word "enervated".

27/11/2005

I went to Ed's, and he was very trying all day. He went on with his prolonged and childlike worries over people being offended at this and that and on and on. At one

point he expressed his frustrations over not being able to find himself in this week's Times Colonist or Globe and Mail. And I said right out to him: "You used to be a person who thought of nothing but his art, and now you are in danger of becoming a person who thinks of nothing but his fame." I felt that I had spoken strongly and made a very pointed comment.

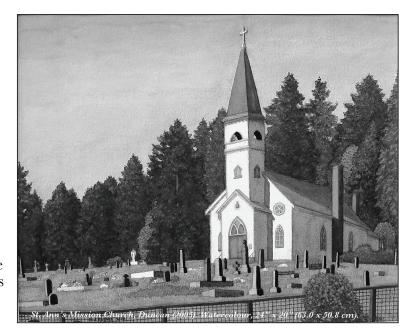
He acknowledged it for a moment... and then carried right on whining about it all, even though he was in this week's Maclean's Magazine, a periodical he has despised for years.

I took him out for a drive, and we ate at the Rock Cod and then came back to St. Ann's Church at Quamichan where we took many photos. It was a perfect day for it, and we spoke of Jock Macdonald's masterpiece, Burial at Nootka. I can tell poor Ed

is in a quandary over what to call his new painting. I think he has decided on "St. Ann's Church, near Duncan" but I don't know. I am sure he didn't hesitate a moment before titling his 1947 painting of the old St. Paul's Church "Indian Church, North Vancouver' and nothing was ever said about it. In a way, things are more complicated now.

28/11/2005 The recent auction results just came in. Hughes's watercolour Okanagan Lake at Penticton (1992) sold for \$48,875 setting a new auction record for a watercolour by a living Canadian artist.

Note from Robert Amos: Recently a painting by E. J. Hughes, Abandoned Village, Rivers Inlet (1947) sold at auction, on May 26, 2023, for \$1,801,750!



Shawnigan Lake **Community Association**

Canada Day Celebrations -Shawnigan Style!

Saturday, July 1st, come and celebrate with your community at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre! Event starts at 11am and goes until 2pm!

There will be:

- many games from Inspire by Play, with prizes
- live entertainment by Eric Harper
- Food Trucks (**Bergies**) from Chemainus and Ice Cream Anywhere from Shawnigan Lake)
- Face Painting by Amazing Artist Alex
- Canada Day cookies
- Crafts, water play and more!!!

There will not be the usual parade, but we will celebrate between construction zones... the expansion of the museum and the replacement of the gym floor in the community centre. Feel free to wear your decorated hard

hat!!! Wear red, wear orange...show your colours!! There will be something for everyone and everyone is welcome! The fun will happen outside the community centre and onto Elsie Miles Park.

This event has taken place in our community since 2005 following the long-standing event known as the Kiddies Karnival! Over the years we have survived last minute changes and even survived the pandemic with virtual activities so we know we can work with the changes this year and still celebrate our nation!

Admission is free...only pay for foods! Gratuity for artists is voluntary.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or bring more fun to our event please email: info@

shawniganlakesommunity association.ca

Our website will have all the details

www. shawniganlakecommunity association.ca

Shawnigan Lake Fire Department

Phone: (250)743-2096 Non-emergency: (250) 812-8030 shawniganfire@shaw.ca

May 2023 Report

Department Members Attended 27 Incidents in May

- Monday, May 1 -1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Tuesday, May 2 1st Responder off Treit Rd
- Thursday, May 5 -MVI on Thain Rd
- Friday, May 6 -Burning Complaint on Cougar Ridge Rd
- Monday, My 8 -1st Responder off Meadowview Rd
- Wednesday, May 10 MVI on Merridale Rd
- Wednesday, May 10 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Saturday, May 13 -1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd

- Sunday, May 14 1st Responder off Treit Rd
- Sunday, May 14 Rescue off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Sunday, May 14 – Fence Fire on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Tuesday, May 16 MVI on Shawnigan lake Rd
- Tuesday, May 16 -MVI on Renfrew Rd
- Wednesday, May 17 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Wednesday, May 17 -Assistance on Renfrew
- Friday, May 19 1st Responder off Inn Rd

- Saturday, May 21 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, May 22 -Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, May 22 1st Responder off Glen Eagles Rd
- Tuesday, May 23 1st Responder off Baden-Powell Rd
- Wednesday, May 24 · 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, May 27 Burning Complaint on College Pl
- Monday, May 29 -1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd

We're Looking for Writers Who Have Stories or Articles About Shawnigan!

Email: shawniganfocuseditor@gmail.com Send your article in word, not pdf If you include a photo, send as separate jpg or png file Photos should be 300dpi or larger resolution

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is something old and ancestral. Then when we talk about traditional foods in this context, we talk about how the old ones harvested and prepared food precontact, and we just can't replicate that anymore. I smoke fish using old traditional techniques, but I don't think I should call the smoked fish "traditional". I use metal knives instead of mussel shell knives. I put salt on the fish to help it cure whereas traditionally we didn't even have mineralized salt.

I use plastic cutting boards and tote bins instead of ferns and bentwood boxes. Even my smoke house is made out of plywood and 2x4's instead of handhewn cedar planks. Even if I could get a mussel shell knife, didn't use salt, had the right ferns, and the right box it'd still be fish from a river that's dramatically changed and smoked by wood that had grown in polluted air. The reality is that we don't live in a traditional world and so real true traditional foods may exist, but they are extremely rare.

With this definition, any traditional foods that do exist should be sacred, and shared with the great reverence they deserve. But we want Indigenous foods in restaurants, hospitals, and schools. We want the food we were raised with on the rez to be available to all our relatives wherever they find themselves. When our elders go into the hospital, sometimes the food can shock their system and we want them to be able to access the Indigenous foods that they are used to. When our children go to school, we want them to have access to Indigenous foods, so they don't forget the taste and remember their connection to the land.

Indigenous foods are of the utmost importance, and they are best when they are harvested by Indigenous people using Indigenous protocols and technologies. Supporting Indigenous food systems revitalizes Indigenous culture, Indigenous language, and supports Indigenous communities. While it is paramount to source these foods from Indigenous Communities, market based Indigenous foods, things like sockeye salmon and Dungeness crabs, can help get these foods incorporated into menus while Indigenous food sources are being located.

After learning all that, let's stop calling Indigenous Foods, Traditional Food. Our foods can be modern and change with the times. Traditional foods are what we ate, Indigenous foods are what we eat.

Shawnigan Weather - May 2023 Report

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network, Environment Canada and Weather Underground
Reported by Grant Treloar

	May Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Butler Road		Museum		Elford Road	
		2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Average High	17.2	23.3	14.9	23.0	15.3	23.7	15.3	22.4	14.4	21.6	14.9
Average Low	7.0	9.6	6.1	9.7	6.1	7.6	4.3	10.3	6.7	9.8	6.3
Extreme High	33.9	34.0	21.6	33.3	21.9	34.1	22.6	33.0	20.5	31.5	20.0
Extreme Low	-3.9	5.7	1.9	5.8	1.1	3.0	-0.1	7.1	2.2	6.0	2.0
Precipitation	50.6	29.9	97.1	16.9	68.4	22.7	100.0	13.8	67.1	14.6	69.4
Days w precip	14	6	18	6	20	5	20	3	15	5	18
Year Precip	591.7	569.0	757.7	427.8	610.4	512.8	737.8	406.9	558.7	419.2	614.6

Rank since 1914: warmest ever , 12 th driest

Lake Temperature 16°
Lake leve change -6cm
Surface Elevation 116.43

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	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28						
e	16°	20°	21°	22°						
	-6cm	5cm	-5cm	-3cm						
	116.41	116.36	116.31	116.28						

May was a complete reverse of April. At the beginning of the month, the sun came out and the temperature shot up! This month was the warmest May since records have been kept (1914)! It was also the 12th driest.

Temperatures peaked in the middle of the month reaching record highs in the 30s

It cooled off a bit for the remainder of the month, but temps stayed above normal and it remained dry.



St. John's Academy Spotlight

Visit our website for additional information: www.stjohnsacademy.ca



The team from the Pacific Sports Academy joined us at the Fun Fair as part of the new sports program beginning September 2023.

Thank you to everyone for your support in putting together the 2nd Annual Fun Fair event at St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake, and to the community for coming out and enjoying the day with us. It was a great success.

Upcoming Events

- June 23rd is our last day of school.
- August 31st is new orinetation day at SJA.

If you haven't aready visited the SJA website, please do so. For weekly happenings, follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

For a tour of the campus please contact: *Jenny Boomer* jenny.boomer@stjohnsacademy.ca

St. John's Academy Student Shares His Leadership Journey

Did you know that St. John's Academy (SJA) has an Interact Club? An Interact Club organizes two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. More importantly, they are designed to energize and inspire young leaders ages 14 - 30 through service.

Oliver Smith, a grade 9 student at SJA, recently was one of 36 youth leaders to attend the

Rotarian Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at Camp Qwanoes. RYLA is an intensive leadership experience for youth organized by Rotary clubs and districts. Here youth develop their skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

On Thursday, February 9th, Oliver was the guest speaker at our local Rotary club during their monthly meeting. Here he recounted his experience, and shared his dream of being able to attend the upcoming Rotarian youth event to be held in Washington State.

During his presentation to the South Cowichan Rotary Club, Oliver shared the following:

"I am excited to share my experience at RYLA, which was an incredible opportunity. I was honored to be the first ever representative of St. John's to attend RYLA. The focus was on leadership, and we learned that a leader isn't the most popular or the smartest kid in the class. But that anyone can be a leader if they try. You could contribute to a conversation or help in a group project and boom, you're a leader. That was huge breakthrough in my mind. We also learned about the impact of human activity on climate and animals through a nature walk

with an indigenous guide. We had fun and to be honest some awkward, team building activities, and I was moved by an indigenous panel discussion about their history, including stories about residential schools and how it affected the indigenous peoples. I am grateful to the staff, faculty, and camp leaders for their amazing work and for accommodating everyone's needs. Although it was tough in the beginning when we didn't know each other, we bonded quickly. Thank you for the opportunity of a lifetime by sponsoring me to attend RYLA."



Opinion

Time to face facts for the Island Corridor

Blaise Salmon

The decision in March by the federal and provincial governments to return a portion of the Island rail corridor lands to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation is likely the decisive blow to the concept of rail returning to the E&N corridor. This may finally precipitate some action regarding use of the corridor, which has sat idle since the train stopped running in 2011.

The dream of modern rail on this route never really made sense anyway. High cost, slow speed, low population density, too many road crossings, and the Victorian-era design of the railway were all limitations.

The priority now should be to re-establish the corridor as an actively used transportation route. Yes, a bus route or even light rail on some sections of the corridor might be possible one day. For now however, the simplest and most affordable use of the corridor is for multiuse trails, similar to the Galloping Goose Trail in the Greater Victoria area, which has up to 4,000 users a day. This would establish

the corridor as a public transportation route, rather than for residential or commercial development. The type of transportation on the corridor may change over time, as population grows and transportation technology evolves.

The E&N corridor bisects eight separate First Nation reserves between Victoria and Courtenay. The province has said that the corridor lands will be returned to all eight. First Nations should be given the time to decide what to do with the sections of the corridor that run through their lands. the rest of the corridor, the fundamental goal must be to firmly establish public active transportation as the primary use of the corridor. This should be done as soon as possible. The return of a single rail line is no longer feasible. However, first class multi-use trails and other transportation uses are possible along various sections the corridor, depending on the location. With local consultation and proper planning, the sum of the parts can be greater than the whole.

Blaise Salmon is a former CVRD director and was "member representative" to the Island Corridor Foundation from 2019-22



Photo by Dave Hutchison



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 134 Gloria Solley

Malahat Legion Branch 134t

We are pleased to report that the Ukrainian Dinner fundraiser held on May 26th, with the "Kinda Ceili" band from Nanaimo, was a huge success. We raised \$830.00. It has been forwarded to the Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal Fund.

June is a busy month with a lot of our drop-in activities finishing up, until September, except our Saturday Meat Draws and Bottle Drives. For more information, the June calendar is available online or at the Legion.

3 TTT's has approached us for help in June for the foods banks non-perishable items and we will be collecting all the rest of June. Please check their poster and drop off donations to the Legion.

On June 17th, we are hosting our annual Walter Hall Community Fishing Derby. We have made a few changes this year. Only fish caught in Shawnigan Lake are eligible for prizes. For more information and register online (www.malhatlegion.ca)

We wish all fathers a Happy Fathers' Day on the 18th, and don't forget our General Meeting on June 18th.



We are pleased to report that the Malahat Legion and Mill Bay Lions Club will once again be hosting our PANCAKE BREAKFAST from 8:30 – 11:00 am. Cost is still \$6.00 p.p. for pancakes and sausages cooked by the Lions Club. Our honour guard will be raising the Canadian flag right at the Malahat Legion.

The Malahat Legion will re-open at 1:00 pm and everyone is invited to return for free Canada Day Cake and enjoy live music by the "Turnip the Beet". Our meat draw will run 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm as usual. Not a member of our Legion, but would like to become one. The cost for the balance of 2023 is \$27.50. See Cdn. Ray Rovas from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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Q'ushin'tul — Walking Together their territory. We are invited The challenges of restorative/

In Hul'q'umi'num (the language of the Quw'utsun Peoples) Q'ushin'tul describes "Walking Together" as a way of being, weaving of our hearts and minds in harmony with the lands and waters. Four years ago, Owiyahwultu-hw (Elder Robert George) began a revitalization of an Ancestor Walk'. He heard the call for Elders and youth to understand this traditional xe'xe (sacred) journey through the practice of Q'ushin'tul. 'Our journey is to remember the ancient kinship ties between the Tsauk/T'souke and Quw'utsun people and the pathway the woman traveled; one part of the Quw'utsun 'Creation Story - Those Who Fell from the Sky'. The walk follows ancestral protocols one protocol is meeting with families from the land the walk moves through, and seeking permission to journey through

to build relationships through listening to the direction and experiences of the people of the lands, supporting protocol, and honoring the leadership and guidance of the Ancestral traditional Peoples through Q'ushin'tul.

In 2021(mid-pandemic), the restorative justice community - Peacemakers - found its way into connection with 40+ local islanders and an "on-land and on-line" Circle was created; an educational sharing of the history of Peacemakers and the Indigenous prophecy of 'The Great Law of Peace'. A diverse range of Peacemakers from around the world came together to simply share stories and learn from each other. Anchored in the Quw'utsun by Qwiyahwultu-hw and other Elders welcoming visitors into the community, relationships and hardships were explored.

transformational justice -Peacemaking - which is traced through Indigenous histories, became apparent and as the world worked through the 'global pandemic' the questions and stories of justice were shared and recorded. Relationships deepened from North to South and East to West - and the potency of human unity and 'original instructions' were spoken of.

Backgrounds in law, community organizing/justice, Rights of Nature, Eldership....and friendship were brought together and a seed was planted; a vision of being together in person. In 2022, when travel was possible again, the Peacemakers Gathering in the Cowichan was born. When asked what the theme of the Peacemakers Gathering should be, Qwiyahwultu-hw responded with the possibility



of Q'ushin'tul also being a path for the Peacemakers work in this community! Dates were carefully selected to begin with 4 days to hold the Peacemakers Gathering - and then to continue into the Ancestor Walk.

This sacred bridge-building journey is for everyone and is a learning process in itself. The work of some is the work of us all. If you cannot come in person, there are many ways that you can support this effort - see contact info. Wherever you are, your work towards Q'ushin'tul is appreciated!

The Peacemakers Gathering will be hosted at OUR Ecovillage, and the Ancestor Walk is scheduled to travel through Showe'lugun (Shawnigan Lake) on Friday June 30, 2023.

Peacemakers Gathering: June 24th-28th

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Shawnigan Basin Society

Shirley Astleford Q'ushintul Ancestors Walk -Celebration at West Shawnigan Lake Provincial Park June 30th

The Shawnigan Basin Society is committed to restoring the ecological function of the Showe'luqun Watershed which help to sustain the waters of South Cowichan. Increasing the amount of land in public trust is one of the societies objectives that will assist in securing that ecological function. Under (COP15) at the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, the federal government set a goal of conserving 30 percent of Canada's land and water by 2030. Science shows that nature must be preserved in order to reverse the decline in biodiversity & maintain a strong, sustainable economy. https:// vvvv.canada.ca/en/environmentclimate-change/news/2022/12/ government-of-canada-recognizingfederal-land-and-water-to-contributeto-30-by-30-nature-conservation-goals. html

The Basin Society's goal is to bring stakeholders together and create a longstanding working group to support the preservation of this ancestral pathway along with other culturally and ecologically significant lands, already identified in our Ecological Based Conservation Plan for future generations. Visit https://www. shawniganbasinsociety.org/ebcp. html for more information on the ECBP.

Families of All Nations are welcome to come together to honour and support the intention to revitalize one of the ancestral pathways which connects T'souke (Sooke) to Swuqus (Mt Prevost). The Shawnigan Basin Society will be hosting a refreshment station for the walk participants between 2pm and 5pm on Friday June 30th. Walkers are anticipated to arrive sometime around 2pm. Refreshments will be available to the public by donation (please bring cash or cheques for donations).

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Community members are encouraged to gather at the park (located in the 2400 block of West Shawnigan Lake Rd.) to enjoy some time in nature, learn from local knowledge keepers and honour the intention of the

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If you are called to join for the walk, please contact Alena at 236-594-9251 or email walktogether@inspiredlearning.ca to gain knowledge of protocols & to register.

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- **Shawnigan Improvement District**
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 - Contact us for information about hours and/or group visits. Contact: museum@shaveniganlakemuseum.com (web): shawniganlakemuseum.com
- Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA) For info: (web): www.thesra.ca
- Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA) Contact: **bburr**(**ashaw**.ca
- **Shawnigan Basin Society** #102-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: info@shaveniganbasinsociety.org
- Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS) Contact: **ysagssl@gmail.com** (web): blog.ysag.ca
- South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP) Contact: 250-929-7222(web): southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca
- Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134 Saturday Meat Draw 3:00-5:00pm. Contact: Gloria gsolley@shaw.ca
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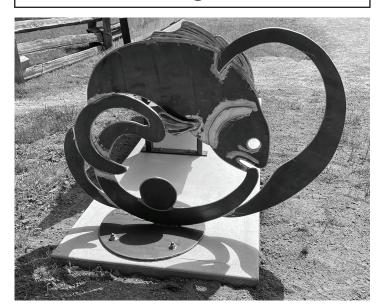
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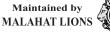
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