

The Chronicle

NEWSLETTER OF THE QUALICUM BEACH HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOCIETY



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May 2020

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President's Report

Like everyone, we spent March through May adapting to the COVID-19 situation, which included closing to the public. Work continued behind the scenes, as staff were still able to work in limited capacity on new exhibits, collections, social media activities, and grant applications. Regular volunteering was suspended, but some volunteers were able to work on the outside of the museum while social distancing. Over winter/spring, with the help of town staff, we did some repairs and maintenance on our museum buildings. In February the town replaced the old

gutters on the Macintosh building with an improved system. In March/April volunteers added two apple trees, and beautified the grounds with new planters and lattice work. In early May, we added a new load of gravel.

Netanja and I met with Heather Svensen, the Town Corporate Administrator, to review our capital projects and achievements against our Fee for Service agreement. We are very pleased with our relationship with the town, who recognize and

support the museum as a valuable community asset. We also met with MP Gord Johns to discuss the return of 'Rosie', the Ice Age walrus to QB.

We hope to re-open later this season, and look forward to seeing you.

Be well.

Chris Lemphers, President, QBH&MS



Yours truly, cleaning the gutters.

*Thank-you,
essential service workers*

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It is odd how quickly terms like 'unprecedented', 'strange', and 'unsettling times' have become part of our daily conversations. These are indeed worrying times with many parts of our daily routines impacted by new rules and procedures to ensure our safety. But my intent is not to dwell on this reality, but to share positive news about some ongoing projects at the Museum. We entered this period on solid financial grounds, thanks to grants from the BC Arts Council, BC Gaming and the ongoing support of the Town. As soon as we had the notice to close our doors, the board gave approval for Lorraine and I to work from home at reduced hours to start.



Netanja and Barbara at Volunteer Appreciation

Although there is an undeniable concern that comes with our new reality, it is also the perfect time to recognize how blessed we are to live in BC, on Vancouver Island, and particularly here in QB. With this came the idea to put a call out to our community for poems of all kinds about QB and the current times we are experiencing. So please do feel free to participate! PQB News kindly published an article so we could reach an even wider public. We are inviting participants to share their poems with us via email, our social media platforms or even through a video of them reading their poetry. Once it is safe for us to re-open, we will create a "pop-up community display" of all the submissions.

If you walk by the museum, take some time to peak through the fence at the fantastic work the gardening group is doing. The grounds are looking amazing! Thank you!!

Through all of this I am filled with gratitude and pride for all that we strive to accomplish, and also hope for what lays ahead. We continue to stand as a strong and vibrant community museum with great ideas and amazing support from all of you.

So all in all, we're keeping busy while striving to remain safe and healthy.

-Netanja Waddell, Manager



Several improvements have been made to the grounds

Past Events

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me!

More than one hundred people turned up to listen to author John MacFarlane talk about his book *Around the World in a Dugout Canoe*. Standing room only! It was a great talk and we look forward to hosting similar events in the future. We learned that there are a great many residents of Qualicum Beach and area who are interested in stories about the ocean and seafaring. Many thanks to John for his fascinating presentation and to the Mulberry Bush Bookstore for participating. ➡ We had a blast at Volunteer Appreciation on Feb 12th just before Valentines Day. There were speeches,



Troy, Barbara, Jan, Jean and Deanne at Volunteer Appreciation.

slideshows, goodies and prizes, but most of all just really great company. How nice to see our hardworking volunteers take a break together!



Graham, Terry and Hadrosaurus in deep discussion

➡ We are so sad

to cancel many events due to COVID, including our beloved Children's Day. But stay tuned as we may yet find ways to showcase this year's talented authors of QB Reads either

outdoors or via social media. Please send us a poem to be included in the upcoming pop-up exhibit, and do keep in touch via Facebook and our website for the latest updates.

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Coming Events

QB Reads 2020: To be announced.

Children's Museum Day: CANCELLED

Vintage Sale: CANCELLED

Summer Potluck: CANCELLED.

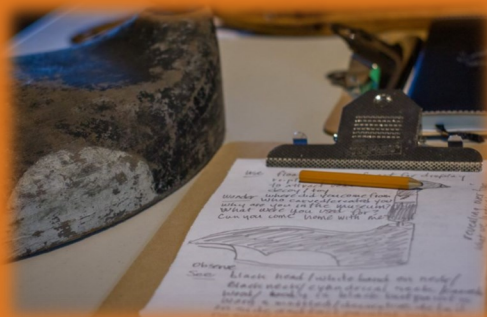
Poetry Submissions: *ENCOURAGED!!* [qbmuseum@shaw.ca]

‘See, Use, Wonder’: The Power of Objects

We were pleased to welcome Chris O’Connor, a learning specialist from the Royal BC Museum, to lead a workshop on Object Based Learning, or ‘OBL’. Chris showed us many activities that can be used in school and community programs that make museum education fun and engaging. OBL goes beyond conveying factual information about an object. Its various techniques encourage participants to ‘think outside the box’, use their senses, and ask questions. It values learners existing knowledge and experiences, and invites them to think



Chris O’Connor-RBCM Learning Specialist



critically and build on what they know. We will apply

these ideas as we redevelop our school and community programs to better align with the new BC curriculum. Our goal is to provide relevant and accessible resources to our district’s educators. Many thanks to Chris and the RBCM, and to Ryan and the BCMA for organizing and funding this workshop. Thanks also to the twenty museum professionals

who attended from Cowichan Valley, Cumberland, Gabriola Island, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, and Victoria. It was great learning with you!

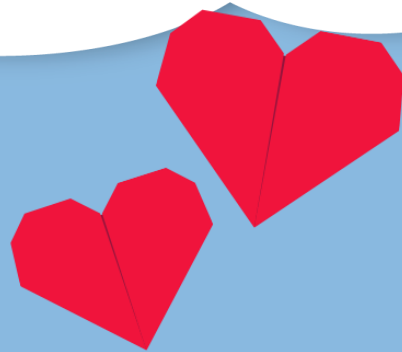
⇒ Staff also attended the Historical Thinking Winter Institute, held on February 14-15 at the Royal BC Museum. Led by Dr. Lindsay Gibson and the museum education specialists at RBCM, there were lectures, activities and discussions that drew from the museum’s exhibitions, primary sources, and artifacts. The goal was to understand and apply the six concepts of historical thinking. There was also a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum’s vast collections. Amazing!



THE **Historical Thinking** PROJECT
Promoting critical historical literacy for the 21st century

“A Community At Heart”

We're excited about the **pop-up** exhibit in which community contributions of origami hearts will be paired with poems written by QB residents! Never folded an origami heart before? Don't



Shino demonstrates how to make an origami heart

worry, we will be creating two YouTube demonstrations with the wonderful Shino, Qualicum's expert of the Art of Origami. These will be posted on our Facebook page [QBMuseum] and web site [www.qbmuseum.ca] The exhibit will be happening some time this summer. In the mean time, please start folding hearts and writing verses for this community collaboration!

“Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe” ...and Have a Meeting...The



QBH&MS Board Meeting May 2020

QBH&MS board had its first meeting on May 7, after cancelling for two months due to COVID. We had the meeting outside and practiced social distancing while we discussed museum business.

Canada Summer Jobs: MP Gord Johns

notified us that we have

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received funding for summer staff from the CSJ program. We are happy to once again provide employment to local youth this summer. Open or closed to the public, there is always lots to do around the museum, in collections, exhibit development and sprucing up the facility.

Thank-you...to the Town of Qualicum Beach; the

BC Arts Council; BC's Community Gaming Grants; The Royal BC Museum; The PQ Foundation; The Chamber of Commerce; Coombs Signs; Windsor Plywood; Courtyard Café; Quality Foods; Thrifty Foods; community and individual donors; and to all of you who support researching, conserving and sharing of the history of Qualicum Beach.



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Qualicum Poem

Qualicum called to me
The saline breath of the Salish Sea
The quiet charm and stillness of the small community

Qualicum called to me
The distant hum of vibrant ancient drums
The raw beauty of the unceded territory

Qualicum called to me
Vague childhood memory of lazy summer days
on the shores of a faraway ocean in another country

Qualicum still calls to me
Collectively braving the storm of an invisible enemy
This is the place where I need to be
Body, heart and soul completely

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Qualicum Beach, April 2020

The Miracle at Qualicum Beach

*The waves rippled over the sea as gently as can be.
The eagles beady eye looked down from his tree.*

*It was a miracle as you can see
and the starfish liked to play hide and seek.*

*In the tide pools tiny sculpins
darted back and forth.
The crabs scuttled all along the sandy shore.*

*It was a miracle as you can see
the ribbons of kelp drifted aimlessly.*

*The seagulls never ceased to croak and caw.
Whatever you saw you would stare at in awe.*

*It was a miracle as you can see
Qualicum Beach was like a land of fantasy!*

by Lina Janeski (age 12)

QUALICUM BEACH is our

Quaint

Unique

Astonishing

Loving

Interesting

Calming

Utmost

Magical

Beautiful

Epic

Amazing

Charming

Home



by Luka Janeski (age 8)