

MUSEUM MUSINGS FOR JULY 2006

Last month we published the picture of a soldier that was killed on Vimy Ridge in World War I. We are able to report that that soldier was Tom Raper of the pioneer family that settled on Texada about 1870 and was very prominent in the mining industry. Alf Raper staked five-quarter sections on what is now the Texada Quarrying property and also had a number of claims around Priest Lake. Our thanks to Gary McLeod for this information. As you read this the museum will have opened for the summer. Opening hours are Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 4.00 PM. We had our first group of visitors on Thursday 16 June when a tour bus of forty seniors from the lower Fraser valley spent a couple of hours visiting the museum, the Holtenwood Gallery and the Manyana Shop. We hope that this kind of tour will become a regular event during the summer. We want to thank Barb Wells for joining our little band and taking over the task of looking after our flowerbeds. We would like to have one or two more pots of flowers of the half-barrel variety so if you happen to have any containers of that size to spare we would appreciate having them.

Remember to bring any summer visitors that you have down to the museum. We now have a slideshow of Texada photographs numbering more than one thousand and lots of them need some identification so drop in and have a look

We want to offer our condolences to Barb Kempe and family on the passing of Joe. He made a significant contribution to the life of this island and we will miss him.

Till the next time please take care of each other.

Norm MacLean