

## MUSEUM MUSINGS FEBRUARY 2007

Here we are one month into the new year and our resolutions should be firmly entrenched or gone by the board. One of mine is to continue these musings for another year however I need your help. Let me know what topics or subjects you would like to see covered and that will help keep me going. The Chinese display is on view in the Community Hall. The pioneers display will be set up this coming week in the Seniors Centre and features Bill and Florrie Young who had such a long life together on this island.

The photo this month is of a watchman's clock used by the night watchmen of Pacific Lime Company who owned and operated the Blubber Bay Quarry from 1911 until 1955 when it was sold to the Gypsum Lime and Alabastine Company. This artifact was donated to the museum by Tony and Gladys Fielkowich together with a number of framed photographs of quarrying operations. Tony worked at the quarry for almost 42 years and we thank he and Gladys for this donation. This being the year we celebrate one hundred years of limestone quarrying at Blubber Bay we welcome artifacts and photographs that relate to the quarrying operation itself or to the company town and the lives of the people who lived and worked there.

Please remember that a number of us gather at the museum every Wednesday morning to work on various projects and perhaps share a yarn or two. Bring a yarn and you are welcome to join us. There is always tea available. This past six weeks or so has seen the passing of five senior citizens of Texada Island including Len Diggon, Flo Fielkowich, George Lechner, Gert Liebich, and Bill Campbell. We offer our condolences to their families. Until the next time please take care of each other. Norm MacLean

