

MUSEUM MUSINGS-JANUARY07

By “musing” in mid December we are forced to contemplate the year 2007 even before we have celebrated Christmas and that is a stretch for this correspondent.

We are certain however that this coming year will be a good one for the museum and for the enjoyment generally of the history of our Island.

Paramount this year will be the recognition of the limestone industry as we celebrate the one hundredth year of operations at the BLUBBER BAY QUARRY. Several different companies have owned and operated this quarry over the years and we will highlight each separately as we close in on Saturday the thirtieth of June when our formal celebrations will take place under the current owners, Ashgrove Cement.

Our photo this month is of our display case in the Seniors Centre seen here dressed up for the Christmas season. Our thanks to Barbara Wells for doing the decorating. We plan to begin a series of displays starting in mid January that will feature island pioneers. Who will be the first one remains a surprise even to us at the moment.

Our display case in the Community Hall has been enlarged and reinstalled. We plan to fill it early in the new year with a display that will recognize the contribution that the early Chinese inhabitants of this island made to our community. As always we are on the lookout for photos and artifacts that will enhance our understanding of the “way things were” so if you happen to have photos or artifacts of these times we would very much appreciate donations.

We wish to express our thanks to the Texada Island Community Society who donated 800.00 to the museum for the purchase of a digital projector. This will enable us to prepare “slide shows” based on our digitized photo collection and these will be made available to support presentations to groups on the island.

All of us associated with the museum and the Heritage Society wish to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year. And as always until the next time please take care of each other.

Norm MacLean