

## MUSEUM MUSINGS FOR AUGUST 08

The main topic this month has to be the opening of the new museum in Van Anda on Saturday 12 July in conjunction with the celebration of BC's 150th birthday. Beginning with a parade of costumed folk led by the Clansmen from Powell River we all gathered in the gymnasium of the Van Anda School for a fine presentation by the Rock Island Players. Written by Peter Locke each player, representing someone from Texada's past, explained how and why they had come to Texada. Full of humor and factual information it was a fitting beginning for our gala. Prizes, awarded for best costume, were won by Maureen Northrop as Florence Nightingale and Peter Stiles as Sir James Douglas. Peter also was a very excellent master of ceremonies. Next on the agenda was the cutting of the ribbon opening the new museum. This was done by Mary Gussman, Margaret Woodhead and Art Liebich. People were then free to tour the museum and watch the two fine slide shows presented by Doug Paton and Ken Barton.

Hot-dogs and pop were on sale and a splendid tea was offered by the garden club who kindly donated the proceeds to the Heritage Society.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the presentation of life memberships in the Heritage Society to Jack Majiejko and Clarence Wood in appreciation of the work they did in preparing the new museum. Our photo shows them standing in front of the wall map depicting the early exploration of this coast by English and Spanish explorers. The map was painted by Doby Dobrostanski.

One of the features of the new museum is the logging exhibit particularly the chain saw collection provided by Don Pillat.

The Blubber Bay Museum will be open Thursday through Sunday from 11 AM to 3 PM until Labour Day. The Van Anda museum will be open on Wednesdays from 10 AM until noon. On Thursdays and Saturdays Cecilia Campbell will be in attendance from 11 AM until 3 PM.

Until next time take care of each other and remember to think green.

Norm MacLean

