

MUSEUM MUSINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2008

The days are really getting longer as we move into February so be of good cheer, spring is coming. 18 - 24 February will be celebrated as Heritage Week all across Canada. This is an opportunity to think about our family and community history and perhaps take some small steps towards preserving some of it. We will be participating in a day long heritage presentation in the Town Centre Mall in Powell River. We were very successful last year showing our slide shows and plan to do the same this year probably be on Saturday 23 February.

The executive of our Heritage Society met recently with the management of Ashgrove Cement who are our landlords at the museum. We discussed the future of the museum at that site and are very pleased to announce that we are in negotiations for a five year lease replacing the current one year lease. This would allow us to carry out some long range planning and some needed maintenance and we wish to express our appreciation to Ted Thompson, manager of the Blubber Bay quarry and to Mike Marks of Ashgrove Cement for their support.

We are saddened to report the passing of Marion Little in December. Marion was the widow of Joe Little who was one of the five Little brothers who were prominent in logging on the island in the nineteen twenties. Marion was born in Van Anda in 1917 the daughter of George and Ann McLeod, a prominent pioneer family. Our photo today is of Marion McLeod standing on the dock in Van Anda with her future husband, Joe Little, in 1935. A very nice looking couple. A recent donation of interest is a small booklet published in 1924 concerning the art of divination particularly relating to tea leaves and playing cards. Apparently a special teacup accompanied the booklet at one time and we would appreciate any further information that any one has.

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

Norm MacLean



1935 Van Anda dock, Texada Island.  
Marion McCleod (Little) with Joe Little.  
Courting days during the Depression years.