

MUSEUM MUSINGS FOR SEP 08

As we write this the summer is nearly over and we are preparing ourselves for another fall and winter.

At the museums this means catching up on paper work and reorganizing artifact storage arrangements required by the opening of our new museum in Van Anda. If you are interested in museum work come and join us. Contact our curator or myself.

The new museum has been very well received with a steady flow of visitors over the summer. We are always prepared to receive donations relating to the history of Texada, its families and historical information on their lives and times. This past month we were given a fine collection of Chinese pottery and glassware. These artifacts were found in the 1960's in Lime Kiln Bay and near the site of the Cornell Mine where Chinese communities were known to exist. We wish to thank Lorna McCahon of Powell River for this very valuable donation. Ms McCahon went to the trouble of having the pieces identified and the Chinese characters on many of them translated which increases their interest and value to us. Our picture today is of this collection which has been put on display in the Texada Community Hall in Gillies Bay.

Harry Trim is the man who is credited with discovering iron ore on Texada in 1871 which precipitated the Texada Scandal and ultimately brought down the government of Amor de Cosmos. We have known very little of Mr. Trim but we have been in communication with a descendent of his and we will report any further information about him that we are able to gather.

We have learned of another family who lived and worked on the island in the early 1900s. This was the Raftery family. We have heard from a descendent and will tell you more about them as time goes on. If any of you have any knowledge of this family we would appreciate hearing from you.

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

Norm MacLean.

