

MUSEUM MUSINGS

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Christmas is coming the geese are getting fat
Please put a penny in the old mans hat
If you can't put in a penny a ha'penny will do
If you can't put in a ha'penny then God bless you

Another year has fled and soon we will be celebrating Christmas and the dawning of a new year and a new decade. Time to unearth tree decorations and lights.

The museum has very little in the way of decorations from out of the past. We do have a few small metal clips that hold a single small candle and clip to a tree branch. We would appreciate any older decorations that you may have buried in the attic.

Our photo today is of June Phillips being awarded life membership in the Texada Heritage Society. June joined our happy band and became our expert in all things to do with the documentation and registration of donated materials. This can be a tedious process as all objects must be identified, described, photographed, marked with a number and displayed or stored where they can be found. All of this requires dedication as well as a good sense of humour. June displayed these characteristics and we will miss her sorely. Thank you, June, from all of us in the museum gang.

All is not lost however as Donna Lechner has moved into Junes chair and it is clear that she is going to be a worthy replacement. We are now in the process of converting our record system to digital format so there are some formidable hurdles ahead. We are also planning an inventory of our holdings which should occupy most of the winter months.

Last night (19 Nov 09) we experienced 100 km per hour winds which are the strongest that we can recall in the 27 years that we have lived in Gillies Bay. Has anyone any good weather stories from the past?

We want to wish you all the merriest of holiday seasons and until the next time take care of each other and remember to think and act green.

Norm MacLean

