

MUSEUM MUSINGS FOR APRIL 09

As we write this, spring is only two days away yet the thermometer registered -1 this morning. Where is the warming that we keep hearing about? One wonders what the spring weather was like fifty or one hundred years ago. We have no records in the museum. Let us know if you have any such records or information.

Some of our members have been very busy this past month. Clarence Wood journeyed to Vancouver where he was presented with a Partnership in Learning award by the BC Principals and Vice Principals Association of BC. Our photo today is of Clarence holding his award in the hallway of the museum. Congratulations Clarence. This was presented in recognition of his outstanding work in developing the “My Island-My Home-My History” program for the Texada Elementary School.

Clarence also appeared before the Texada Seniors Council on Wednesday March 11 to talk to them about the Texada history program.

Other of our members including Ken Barton, Doug Paton and Pete Stiles made a presentation on Texada history at Elder college in Powell River on Thursday 12 March which was very well received.

One of the primary functions of a museum is to help educate the community on their history and we are proud of the contribution that our members have made in the past year.

We continue to gather in the Van Anda museum every Wednesday morning to work on various projects. We will welcome any one that wants to join us for a cup of tea and a chat. Seriously we are very short of dedicated volunteers to carry out museum work. If you have any interest in collecting and maintaining the history of this island please come along and join our “happy gang”. In addition we are always on the lookout for artefacts and photographs that depict or reflect the very interesting history of our island. Please don't throw anything away from your attic or basement or even your bookshelf. Let us look at it first!

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

Norm MacLean

