

MUSEUM MUSINGS FOR AUGUST 09

Several months ago we mused about itinerant dentists visiting Texada. Vi Liebich remembers Dr Sawchenko well because she worked for him as assistant and receptionist. Dr Sawchenko came to the island several times in the mid 1960's and set up shop in the Texada Arms Hotel which was newly opened. He would stay for about a month and during the rest of the year store his equipment in Vi's basement. Vi remembers that they saw lots of kids. Do any of you grown up kids remember?

During the late 1960's and early 1970's there was another dentist whose name may have been Sharma who came to the old Gillies Bay School during the summer with student dentists from Vancouver. Sadly, one summer, his assistant who lived on Dick Island drowned together with her small child while crossing the sandbar to the Island.

We are still developing the display in the Blubber Bay museum relating to sports teams and other groups. One corner will contain military uniforms and related artifacts to commemorate those who have served their country in the Armed Forces. We are very much in need of photographs and artifacts to fill out all of this display. Our photo today is of the team jacket earned by Janet Lipus in the early 1960's. The women's softball team known as the Texada Ironwomen was affiliated with the men's team and received the same jacket. They played in a league which included teams from Powell River. This is the type of artifact we want you to scour your wardrobes for.

The museum has been asked by the Texada School to repeat the "My Island-My Home-My History" program that was presented last fall for students from the school. We are now preparing to carry out that request.

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

Norm MacLean



