

MUSEUM MUSINGS FOR MARCH 2010

Last month we wrote about USO's or unidentified swimming objects and asked if any of our readers could add stories of their own to the mix. Our thanks to Joe Bikadi who called to tell me that his father once saw such a creature while fishing near Harwood Island. This is where other sightings have been made so draw your own conclusions. We have had a busy month. Recently a group of our members were given an excellent tour of the museum in Cumberland. It was very interesting to see how other volunteer groups went about setting up and operating a museum. We are satisfied that we are not doing too badly here on Texada. Hopefully they will come to see us at some future date.

On 12 Feb. Doug Paton spoke to the members of the Seniors Council about BC vital statistics that can assist in genealogical searches. We have these records in the museum on microfilm. Doug explained how to conduct a search through these records. We recently received a great deal of archival material in the form of records files maps etc. for Texada Iron Mines and Ideal Cement. Our thanks to Harold Diggon for helping to get this material for our museum. We are also fortunate in having members like Lynne Schroeder, Pete Stiles and Harold who are familiar with these records and will help immeasurably with the accessioning of them. On Saturday 13 Feb. both our museums were open to the public from 10 am to 4 pm in recognition of Heritage Week across Canada. In recognition of the Olympic Games, Heritage Week in BC was dedicated to sports and recreation. One of the most prominent sports associated with Texada is softball and so our photo today is of a great team out of the past, the Ideal Cement Ladies ball team of 1970. Our thanks to Kirstin Guillemaud and Donna Lechner for arranging the splendid tea and goodies that were served in the Van Anda museum.

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

Norm MacLean

