

MUSINGS FOR JANUARY 2011

The New Year's resolutions are in place and we trust that this year will be different and that we can live up to them for a while at least. Good Luck!!

The New Year brings us some good news regarding the Heritage Society and our museums. The Regional Board has passed the Texada Island Heritage Commission bylaw. This bylaw will enable the executive of the Heritage Society to work towards conserving heritage objects on the island. In addition the Society will now be able to submit an annual budget that will enable us to better carry out our functions of heritage preservation and the operation and maintenance of our museums.

The second piece of good news concerns the museum in Blubber Bay. Housed in what is known as the Thacker house our heat light and maintenance has been provided by Ash Grove Cement. We had some concern over the future of this museum since it became known that the quarry was being shut down. We have been assured by Mike Marks, the mine manager, that as good citizens of Texada Island they will continue to support our museum in its present location. We very much appreciate this and wish to express our thanks to Mike and his company.

Heritage material of all kinds continues to flow into our museum, and we are grateful for this. Occasionally we receive an item that we are not able to identify, and we puzzle over what that "thing" might be. Our photo today is of such an item. We have our ideas and we would appreciate hearing from you. It is made of iron and is about 5 feet long, with a handle on one end that turns an arm at the other end which allows you to grasp an object with the claw. Clear? If not, come to the Van Anda museum and give it a whirl.

We wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year. Until the next time, take care of each other, and remember to think and act green.

Norm MacLean

