

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE PAST

This year has been the busiest so far for our Texada Museum with a record number of summer guests (at least 535!). The word is getting around that our museum is first-rate and deserves a visit. Thank-you to the enthusiastic and responsible student guides this summer.

The original museum opened in the historic “Thacker House” in Blubber Bay in 2001 but relocated to its present Van Anda site in 2008 through a generous lease from the School District. Thank-you to Texada Elementary School and SD47 for their continuing support.

With the help of countless volunteer hours and kind donations of materials from the community we are able to present a unique capsule of Texada history that can be found nowhere else. We also collect and preserve documents and artifacts from the past. Donations of historical items are always appreciated.

We have been busy.

This year a third historic storefront will complete our entrance facade. Thanks to Lorrie Pirart and to those who donated materials.

In addition, our new display case (thanks to Dave and Brenda Rairie) houses ten model sailing ships hand-crafted by Blubber Bay’s Jack Leslie.



Also, weekly sessions with the Texada School Primary class have challenged the children to guess the purpose of some “mystery” artifacts.

We are currently working on an extension of the popular Clarence Wood display area. Due to Lorrie’s skilled work, visitors will be able to experience a walk through a mine shaft!

And, thanks to Brenda and Dave Rairie, we will have an updated kitchen and “gift shop” area as well.

Our Society directors travelled to the Powell River Museum in August for a behind-the-scenes tour and a delicious lunch. Thank-you to the Powell River staff. We hope to return the favour in the new year.

The museum is open Wednesdays at 10am (or by appointment). Heritage Society meetings are held bimonthly on the last Wednesday. Next meeting is January 27th. Everyone welcome.

We appreciate our community’s support and we look forward to a “bright future for the past”.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all!

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