



MUSEUM UPDATE - SUMMER 2019

This has been a busy year for the Texada Heritage Society as we welcome a new executive and prepare for future exciting projects.

Huge thanks to our retiring leaders, Ken Barton who served as President for 17 years, and Pete Stiles, Treasurer since 1990! Under their watch they helped establish the Heritage Commission, set up two entire museums and interviewed many island elders. Pete's extensive knowledge of mining and Texada history are invaluable. Their leadership and dedication have inspired many others and resulted in a first-class heritage experience for local and off-island museum visitors. Well done!

We are pleased to welcome our new President, Lynn Schroeder, Vice-president Brenda Rairie and Treasurer Arleen Suen. They join Curator Doug Paton and Secretary Rob McWilliam in the "executive branch."

Our small museum has hosted over 1000 visitors in the past year, most expressing their astonishment at the quality of displays. Especially noteworthy are the school classes touring from Powell River (Edgehill, Henderson and Ecole Francais) thanks to Texada School Principal Rhonda Gordon's support and publicity.

Texada's students also learned about our island history and took an active role in the opening of the new one-room school and teacherage display this past January.

Dave and Brenda Rairie have been busy designing and constructing the new displays and have plans for a workshop and storage area addition. The old washrooms have been updated as well. (Thank-you also to Nice Plumbing.)

Not stopping for a rest, Brenda and Dave are working with Doug on plans to re-purpose the first room into a new display area this winter.

Our museum is open this summer Thursdays to Sundays and holiday Mondays (11am to 4pm). Admission by donation.

Please come in for a visit and bring your summer guests to meet our attendants, Joya Muma, Ava Gordon and Alivia Gussman, who will be pleased to greet you.

The Texada Museum is a product of the imagination, dedication and the work of dozens of people since 1987. Thanks to School District 47 for the use of the building and to the people of Texada for donations of historical materials and your support over the years.