

WEDNESDAYS AT YOUR MUSEUM

Wednesday mornings at your Texada Museum are a busy time for the volunteers.

A visitor will be greeted by affable Janice Fehr, our new Vice-President, who is happy to show off our impressive collection. Taking care of the displays and co-ordinating our summer guides keeps her busy.

The sound of whirring saw blades marks the presence of Dave Rairie, our master craftsman, who is expertly creating new magnificent display cabinets.

One might also encounter Brenda Rairie, our intrepid Curator, who is doing an amazing job of meeting the challenge of overseeing the entire collection.

Down the hall in the Repository are Charlie Boulet and Doug Dumka who are poring over hundreds of old maps and blueprints whose curling edges threaten to roll up and swallow the pair. Charlie has recently created a replica of a vintage mine manager's office which is worth seeing.

The Repository is also home to Joyce Rodseth who photographs and catalogues all donations. She has become proficient at labelling and hiding the accession numbers on each item.

A glance into the Archives room reveals Jennifer Muma who efficiently collects, organizes and preserves print material. Her son Galen, our computer wizard and web master, is present to keep an eye on her.

We welcome ebullient Carol Robertson who replaces Danielle Cochrane as our new Treasurer. We appreciate Danielle for stepping in when necessary. Thank-you.

Our entire operation is in good hands under President Lynne Schroeder who is remarkably efficient at multitasking (and baking!).

Another face is yours truly who can be found organizing the Fonds (donated written material), visiting elementary school classes and having coffee (and Lynne's cookies). Conversations with Pete Stiles will be missed. His warmth and humour enlivened his tales of Texada's past. Best wishes in Powell River, Pete.

Other Heritage Society Directors include Lorrie Pirart (returning) and Evan Sadler whose wife, Shawna, is our new Secretary. Thanks to Rob McWilliam for his many years as Secretary.

Plan to visit your museum this summer and meet some of the hard-working volunteers.

Peter Lock

Texada Island Heritage Society