



Cortes Island Museum & Archives Society Newsletter October 2011

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WINTER HOURS—The Museum is now open each Friday and each Saturday from 12 - 4 p.m.

Wild Cortes—Woods, Wetlands & Waters

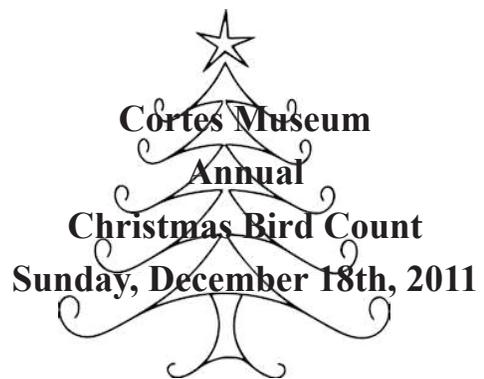
Many island residents enjoy the wilderness, however, most of us have never seen the endangered plant and animal species that call Cortes home. Curated by local taxidermist, Laurel Bohart, this exciting new exhibit will increase awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment of our diverse island wildlife. Following the path of water from bluffs through forests, creeks and wetlands to the ocean, this stimulating exhibit will show the diversity of Cortes ecosystems. Today, we islanders are trying to live together with rainforest wolves and cougars, and we know that wilderness is amongst us, not somewhere "out there". The exhibit will involve school children and youth, local island naturalists and artists, and the Klahoose First Nation. You can become a contributor! Winning photos from a contest will become part of the exhibit (see details below). Beginning in early October with mini displays, the exhibit will continue growing until summer. Visit the Museum frequently to watch how an exhibit is created. Come see what's new each month and enjoy this celebration of our Woods, Wetlands & Waters!

Wild Cortes Photo Contest

Would you like to see one of your photos exhibited at the Old SchoolHouse Art Gallery? Would you like your winning photo to become part of the Wild Cortes Exhibit in the Museum? Here's your chance. You have lots of time to give it your best shot! Entry requirements will include hard copy prints 8x10 or 5x7, and submission in April. More details will be announced in Spring. There are three categories for photos: Woods, Wetlands, and Waters. Within each category, there will also be three age groups: Children (12 & under), Youth (ages 13 to 17), and Adult (18 & over). Prizes for all 9 categories have generously been donated by PHOTO TECH FOTOSOURCE in Campbell River. A great place to have your entries printed from any media.

Expansion Plans

Once an old store at Manson's Landing dock, the building that houses the Cortes Island Museum and Archives was relocated to its present location in 1996. The original building has been transformed by dedicated volunteers into our interesting Museum with charm and character. The challenges of working with an old building include having very limited space to house the growing Archives and Artifact Collections, while meeting climate control standards for proper preservation of these collections. With community interest and the growing popularity of the Museum, awareness about the importance of preserving such items and materials has also grown significantly. At present, the Museum has been forced to limit further donations of archival materials and artifacts because the need for additional space to house them is now critical. Until this need for more storage space is addressed, important artifacts and archival materials that would have been donated may be lost or destroyed. A purpose built 672 square foot expansion to the present building is in the planning stages. You can help preserve Cortes community history! CIMAS is actively seeking expansion funds through memberships, available grants, community businesses and private donors. Donations of lumber and other construction supplies would also be most welcome, and for which CIMAS can issue a tax receipt.



If you are not already a member for 2011, please note that a 2012 membership purchased before December 31st will include your 2011 membership. Strong membership numbers encourage funders.

2011/2012 MEMBERSHIP—BY DONATION OF TIME OR MONEY

Name _____
Address _____

E-mail Address _____
Phone _____

- I/we have enclosed a cheque/donation of \$ _____
- I/we wish to donate __ hours of time working in the area of _____
- I would like my donation of time or money to be specifically used for the building expansion.

Please send this form (and if applicable, a cheque payable to Cortes Island Museum) to:

Cortes Island Museum
957 Beasley Road
Manson's Landing, BC VOP 1KO



Yes, I would like to receive an income tax receipt for my charitable donation.