



# Cortes Island Museum & Archives Society Newsletter November 2013

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Fall & winter hours: Friday & Saturday afternoons, noon to 4 p.m

## Join the Fun - December 15th! Christmas Bird Count



The Cortes Island Museum's Annual Christmas Bird Count will be held December 15th during daylight hours. Participants will be divided into small groups led by an experienced birder, so no prior experience is necessary. A hot lunch provided by Suzanne will be available

for \$13/person. All participants must pre-register: 250-935-6340 or email [cimas@twincomm.ca](mailto:cimas@twincomm.ca). Please indicate if you would like to reserve a meat or veggie chilli lunch. A small donation to help cover the Museum's expenses would be appreciated.

## Expansion Nears Completion!



Over the past two years the Museum undertook a major renovation. With the help of generous donors, grants, Whaletown Woodworking and many volunteers, the project is in its final stage with improvements to the south & east exits being the final piece. The Museum now has expanded climate controlled rooms to house its growing Archive and

Artifact Collections. The Public Archive Room was improved by moving the CIMAS office to its new dedicated space, which allowed room for the installation of the archive computer to access the growing collection inventory. The all important workroom - where new exhibits are created - was expanded with ample work tables for layout and preparation. Finally, the floor was leveled and replaced, and the electrical system upgraded. If you have not yet had the opportunity to see what we have done - come this winter and ask for a tour!

## We are open

Take advantage of the slower pace this time of year brings and visit the Museum's exhibits. *Wild Cortes - Woods, Wetlands & Waters* features the beautiful taxidermy of Laurel Bohart, while exploring the water cycle of Cortes. *The Manson's Landing Legacy Exhibit: Creating Community on Cortes Island* explores the early history of Manson's Landing, the story of founders Mike and John Manson, and the contributions of other settler families to the growth of the area. Relax in the Comfy Corner looking at albums of historic photos & stories. Check out the new and improved raised beds in the Heritage Garden, a fortunate secondary result of the west side expansion. Watch for notices of periodic events sponsored by the Cortes Museum on our website [www.cortesmuseum.ca](http://www.cortesmuseum.ca).

## Summer Visitors

Over 2600 people have visited the Museum since it reopened in May! The following tidbits of appreciation were left in our Guest Book:

*This is awesome!  
Great space, beautiful garden!  
Such a wonderful collection of history!!  
Beautiful new building and friendly  
informative staff!  
Always a delight!  
Learned tons, and left very impressed!*

## Rejuvenating our Artifact Collection Committee

The CIMAS Board has made rejuvenating the Artifact Collection Committee a priority. We are looking for new committee members who can volunteer a few hours a month and are interested in learning how artifacts are preserved, labelled and catalogued. Training courses are planned for this winter. If you are interested and can commit a bit of time for a year or two please contact us!

Please take a moment to renew your membership. If you are not already a member for 2013, a membership purchased before December 31 will include 2013/2014. Strong membership numbers encourage funders!

## 2013/2014 MEMBERSHIP - BY DONATION OF TIME OR MONEY

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