



# Cortes Island Museum & Archives Society Newsletter

## February, 2015

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**EXCITING GUEST SPEAKER PLANNED FOR AGM!**

### AGM

Mark your calendars!

**Sunday March 29th  
at Manson's Hall**

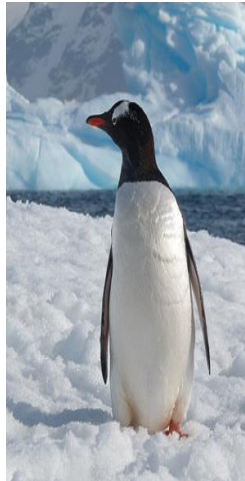
1 PM for memberships and renewals  
1:30 PM short business meeting

followed by guest speaker and refreshments.

Special guest speaker: **Mike Moore**

**ADVENTURES IN THE ANTARCTIC**

Mike has just returned from the Antarctic with fresh tales from this incredible place. On March 29th he will tell stories of the explorers, the wildlife, the place, and what changes are occurring in the largest, most pristine wilderness area on earth.



**Spring Bird Count**  
Saturday, May 2nd  
Start 9:00 am @ Museum

Pack a lunch and binoculars to join this fun day of birding. No experience necessary, children welcome. For information and registration, call Museum@250-935-6340, cimas@twincomm.ca or Nancy Kendel@250-935-8508.



**Creative Spaces Tour**  
Saturday, June 20  
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

This annual fundraising event is seeking gardens, studios and workshops to have on the tour for visitors to explore. If you wish to volunteer your Creative Space, call Lynne Jordan@250-935-6472.

### Misty Isles Tours

Cruises planned for 2015:

- May 22 - Mitlenatch Island
- June 13 - Mitlenatch Island
- June 21 - Laughing Oyster Father's Day Cruise
- July 19 - 'Round Maurelle Island
- July 31 - Low Tide Reef Exploration
- Aug 6 - Desolation Geology
- Aug 14 - Desolation Sound
- Aug 24/25 - Pictograph Tour (**New this year!**)
- Sept 10 - Desolation Sound



Secure your place! Phone 250-935-6340 to register now!  
(Details on reverse)

### NEW FEATURE EXHIBIT COMING THIS SUMMER!!!!

A fascinating exhibit featuring the history of the Squirrel Cove area will open mid June. Coast Salish People had used the Squirrel Cove area for centuries, until the Tl'hus (Klahoose) People made it their permanent home in the late 1800s. English and Spanish explorers and surveyors came to this area, then departed. Miners staked claims and left. Loggers came with horses, left traces of log skid roads, and some decided to stay, drawn by the abundance of land, deer, fish and shellfish. More settlers came to farm, fish or open stores and machine works. They suffered the hardships of pioneer life isolated on an island in the wilderness, but they were confident they had a future in Squirrel Cove.

**SQUIRREL COVE: THE FOURTH BOOKLET IN THE CORTES HISTORY SERIES WILL BE RELEASED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXHIBIT**

Strong membership numbers encourage funders. Please take a moment to renew your membership.

### 2015 MEMBERSHIP - BY DONATION OF TIME OR MONEY

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

PO BOX \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have enclosed a cheque/donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ hours of time working in the area of \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

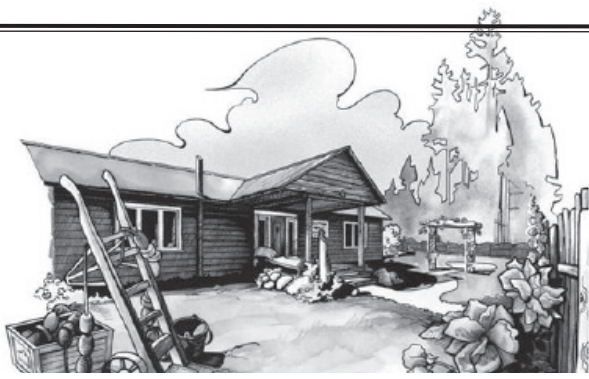
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Yes, I would like to receive an income tax receipt for my charitable donation of \$25 or more.



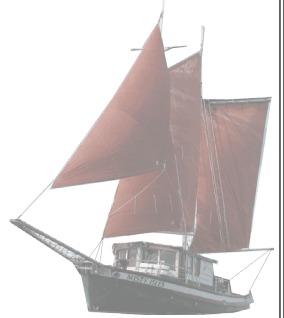
# Cortes Island Museum offers **Summer Sailing Aboard the Misty Isles!**

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Misty Isles Tours 2015

## **JOIN THE MUSEUM THIS SUMMER FOR A CRUISE ABOARD MISTY ISLES**

History and nature await you! Sail back into an earlier era in Desolation Sound on interpretive voyages aboard the schooner Misty Isles with skipper/naturalist Mike Moore who will share a wealth of information and stories. Famous for its spectacular mountains and fjords, much of Desolation Sound is designated as marine park and is abundant with wildlife. As well as natural beauty, it is also the focal point of some of the area's most fascinating maritime history as an anchorage for British and Spanish explorers who first charted this area in the late 1700s.



### **Friday, May 22nd and Saturday, June 13th - Mitlenatch Island**

- Friday, May 22 - Depart Cortes Bay at 10:30 am, return about 5pm for shuttle to last ferry.
- Saturday, June 13 - Depart Cortes Bay 10:00 am, return about 4:30pm for shuttle back to last ferry. (\$120 -- tax included)

### **Sunday June 21st - Laughing Oyster Father's Day Dinner Cruise**

- Leave Cortes Bay at 3pm and return about 10:30 pm. Must have accommodation on Cortes. (\$95 – tax included, dinner - extra)

### **Sunday, July 19th - 'Round Maurelle Island**

- Leave Whaletown Sunday, 10:00 am, return about 5 pm for last ferry. Combine this cruise with attending Cortes Day on Sat., July 18th. There is no early ferry Sunday, so participants will need to already have accommodation on Cortes. Call the Museum, and we will help you arrange accommodation. (\$120 -- tax included)

### **Friday, July 31st - Low Tide Reef Exploration**

- Leave Cortes Bay at 10:30 am and head to explore the extensive reef structure between Hernando and Savary Islands on this 0.6 metre tide. Of course, at low tide, the walk will be over a rocky cobble beach covered with slippery seaweeds and participants need to be sure-footed. Walking sticks are a good suggestion. Return 5:00 pm for last ferry. (\$120 -- tax included)

### **Thursday, August 6th - Desolation Geology "When Wrangellia Came Wandering In"**

- Stories of tectonic collision, upheaval, glaciation, isostatic rebound, xenoliths, dykes and the forces that shaped our coastal home. Leave Cortes Bay at 10:30 am and return at 5:00 pm for last ferry. (\$120 -- tax included)

### **Friday, August 14th and Thursday, Sept 10th - Desolation Sound**

- Depart Cortes Bay at 10:00 am, return about 4:30 pm for shuttle to last ferry. (\$120 -- tax included)

### **Monday-Tuesday, August 24th/25th- Pictograph Tour - NEW CRUISE THIS YEAR!!!!!!!**

- Leaves Whaletown at 10:30 am Monday, returning Tuesday about 5:00 pm for last ferry off Cortes. Explore ancient First Nations' rock art in the Desolation Sound area. The trip will explore through Thulin Passage, into Desolation Sound, up Homfray Channel to overnight at Homfray Lodge. Tuesday we will head to Walsh Cove, then past Raza Island into White Rock Passage and through Beasley Pass back to Whaletown. If time allows we may go to the Gorge Harbour entrance. (\$360 -- tax included)

**To register or for more information email ([cimas@twincomm.ca](mailto:cimas@twincomm.ca)) or phone (250-935-6340)**

