



Museum & Archives
CORTES ISLAND BRITISH COLUMBIA

June Newsletter 2015

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VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE www.cortesmuseum.ca !!!

NEW WEBSITE !

We are pleased to announce Museum has a new website!

- ... same address www.cortesmuseum.ca ...
- ... new format, new content, weekly additions ...

Website designer, **Ester Strijbos.**

Made possible by a grant from **BC Arts Council.**



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It is all there.

MEET OUR SUMMER HOST Thea Block



The Cortes Museum is pleased to welcome Thea Block as our friendly welcoming host for the summer. Thea has grown up on Cortes, attending Linnaea School and the Cortes Public School. She now attends Uvic studying geography. With her wealth of knowledge about Cortes Thea is well placed to introduce visitors to the exhibits at the Museum and to answer questions and direct the tourists who visit our information boot.

So, come to meet Thea, bring your friends and visitors to view the variety of exhibits and enjoy relaxing picnic under an apple tree in the Heritage Garden. The Museum is open for the summer 10 am to 4 pm every day except Mondays.

EXCITING 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**



Museum Summer Hours

Starting June 16

Tuesday - Sunday

10 - 4

HAVE YOU BEEN WONDERING???



Creative Spaces Tour

Saturday, June 20

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Curiosity is running high about "the mushroom projects" around the lakes. If you rely on a lake system for fresh water you'll want to check out the installation along Gunflint Lake of a myco-filtration system (mushroom mycelium inoculated in wood chips & spread strategically where runoff occurs). Find out all about this great project & have all your questions answered. Look behind fences & into studios on the Cortes Museum's **Creative Spaces - Gardens & Studios** on **Saturday, June 20th, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm**. Many artists and gardeners are pleased to open their studios and gates including the Watson family's spectacular waterfront property next to Hollyhock. The tour reflects the creativity, resourcefulness & ingenuity of Cortes Islanders. **Tickets with a map are \$12 - available at Cortes stores, the Museum, & Friday Markets.** Support this annual fundraiser for the Cortes Museum's education, community outreach & archival programs.

Strong membership numbers encourage funders. If you have not done it already, please take a moment to renew your membership now.

2015 MEMBERSHIP - BY DONATION OF TIME OR MONEY

Name _____

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:

Phone _____

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

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Additions to Cortes Island Museum

There's a lot going on behind-the-exhibits at the Cortes Museum. The airy new workroom is all a-clutter with mounting and things for the new Squirrel Cove exhibit opening soon. Temporarily, a juvenile blue heron mounted by Laurel Bohart, is taking up space in its sizeable glass case (they're very tall, you know!) before it is presented to the Cortes School. It will represent the school's heron mascot.

The east end of the building has a new fire exit with a ramp and a storage room for large exhibit items, along with a freezer that is used for protecting mammal and bird mounts from insect damage. Other collections will also take some freezing holidays -- artifacts and some archive items also need protection from insects. The outside east end walls and both ramps have been painted by Roy and Angela Hales, painters extraordinaire.

A dehumidifier that can be plumbed in has been purchased with a grant-in-aid from Strathcona Regional District to keep the Archives and Artifact Collection rooms at a proper climate controlled humidity and temperature as per museum standards.

Cortes Island Museum offers Summer Sailing Aboard the Misty Isles!

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, and for village sites and pictographs remaining from centuries of First Nations use.

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

- 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 2:45 pm and return about 10:30 pm. Must have accommodation on Cortes.
(\$95 - tax included for cruise, 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 over 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 OVERNIGHT 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 Beazley Pass back to Whaletown. If time allows we may go to the Gorge Harbour entrance.

(\$385 - single, \$355 - double, tax included)

To register or for more information email cidas@twincomm.ca or phone 250-935-6340

For day trips, participants can choose to bring a picnic lunch or pre-order a vegetarian pizza and salad lunch for \$10 per person when you register. We recommend a second pair of shoes or rubber boots, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses and dress for the weather. And don't forget to pack your camera, binoculars and curiosity!

From off island you will need to catch a ferry in Campbell River (at 8:15 or 8:30 a.m., depending on the weekday) that connects with the first ferry to Cortes Island. Leave your car at Heriot Bay on Quadra and walk onto the Cortes ferry. A shuttle is available by donation from the Cortes ferry to Misty Isles' departure point and then back to the ferry in late afternoon.

