



Newsletter

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Museum & Archives

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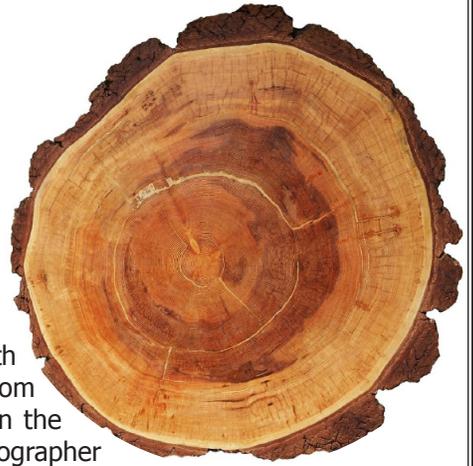
Exhibit Opening

THE FIR, THE FUNGUS AND THE FALLERS: THE STORY OF THE BIG TREE

Sunday, July 10, 2:30 pm

This summer we are honouring a sentinel of the past with two exciting new exhibits.

- A cross section of the iconic Bartholomew Road old growth fir tree, which came down last summer, is now mounted in the Cortes Island Museum's Heritage Garden.
- The story of the tree and the people who preserved it is presented in a new feature exhibit in our gallery. The display explores the importance of old growth forests to First Nations, the environment, and early logging on Cortes. Mushroom lovers will be particularly interested in our exploration of the interaction between the Agarikon and old-growth Douglas fir. As part of the presentation, Cortes artist/photographer David Ellingsen, is sharing photographs from his recent exhibition *The Last Stand*.



Visit before July 10th and enter our **Age the Tree Contest**. Winners will be announced at the opening.

Celebrating Seniors Film Screening!

Join us for the * premiere * of five local films made in this year's Celebrating Seniors Film Program, starring Rose and Marge Hanson, Ross Milne, Ruby and John Gordon, and King Karl! These local films will be part of a screening of the Reel Youth Film Festival, a 75-minute program that includes some of the best youth filmmaking from around the world. The screening will be followed by a Q & A with the Celebrating Seniors filmmakers and our new Cortes movie stars. You don't want to miss this event!

Thursday, July 7 at 7pm at Manson's Hall

Suggested Donation: \$10, or \$20 for families

Meet Brittany Baxter !



Brittany has recently joined the CIMAS team as our part-time Programmer. With a wealth of experience as a filmmaker/director and graphic designer, Brittany brings a fresh, new perspective to the creation, delivery and promotion of our community outreach programs and activities.

Watch our website (www.cortesmuseum.com) and Facebook page for details about upcoming events.

Book Launches

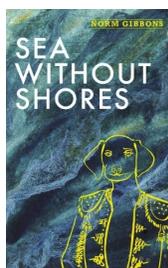
Two new book launches coming up in July: Monica Nawrocki - *Full Moon Lagoon* and Norm Gibbons - *Sea Without Shores*.



Full Moon Lagoon

Wednesday, July 6, 7:00 pm, Co-op Courtyard. Books and snacks will be available for purchase. Bring your copy to be signed by Monica.

Inclement weather location: Manson's Hall
Sponsored by: Cortes Museum & Archives, Cortes Literacy Now, Marnie's Bookstore and Children's Forest.



Sea Without Shores

Thursday, July 28, 7:00 pm, Co-op Courtyard. Books and snacks will be available for purchase. Bring your copy to be signed by Norm.

Inclement weather location: Manson's Hall
Sponsored by: Cortes Museum & Archives and Marnie's Bookstore.

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

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2016 Summer Cruises with Misty Isles

sponsored by the Cortes Museum!



FOLLOW IN FOOTSTEPS OF ROYALTY

A ROYAL TREAT – LITERALLY!

Twin Islands near the entrance into Desolation Sound have always had a sense of intrigue and majesty about them. They are literally a place fit for Royalty – Queen Elizabeth II has twice stayed at the lodge during trips to Canada. These islands have always been off-limits to visitors, but now the owner Mark Torrance has invited the Cortes Museum, through Misty Isles Adventures, to bring guests to this unique historic lodge and its 680 acres of private islands. The nine bedroom lodge and much of its furniture was built from logs harvested on Twin Islands in the 1930s by an American industrialist with contracts in Japan. He also included lavish stables, orchards and gardens to create his own private retreat away from the impending war. In the late 1950s the islands were purchased by Maximilian Alexander Friedrich Wilhelm Margrave Von Baden of Baden-Baden Germany who through his mother is a nephew to Prince Philip. The islands were used as a summer retreat for his family.

Since the 1930s, Twin Islands have been off limits to visitors, but this year the owner has invited the Cortes Museum to bring guests to stay overnight in the lodge and explore the gardens, the orchards, and to learn about the extensive off-grid solar and micro-hydro systems that provide services to the lodge and facilities. Your meals at the lodge will feature food grown right in those very gardens.

Cortes Island Museum and Misty Isles Adventures are pleased to team up to offer three very special and unique trips completely new this year:

June 11 to 12 (Saturday to Sunday) Mitlenatch and Twin Islands: This cruise has already happened. It combined a tour of Mitlenatch Island's wildflowers and abundant sea life with an overnight stay at the cozy Twin Islands Lodge. Guests enjoyed exploring the lodge, trails, gardens and off-grid systems. All remarked that the awesome adventure exceeded their expectations. "It was ALL good and the most relaxing boat trip I have ever experienced," remarked one satisfied guest.

July 14 to 16 (Thursday to Saturday) Kayak Exploration overnighting on Twin Islands: This three day kayak adventure will explore Twin Islands and the surrounding area at the entrance to Desolation Sound. Be prepared for spectacular views of BC coastal mountains, sandy beaches, granite cliffs, First Nation pictographs and abundant wildlife that make this a fantastic place to paddle. Your guides will make the natural and human history come alive with their stories. Tread in the footsteps of Royalty and sleep in the cozy log lodge. Enjoy walks in the forest and gardens of Twin Islands before returning to Cortes where celebrations for Cortes Day will be in full swing. Cost is \$750 each, tax included, and covers all meals, accommodations and kayaks. An adventure for both new and experienced kayakers.

August 24 to 25 (Wednesday to Thursday) Cassel Lake overnighting on Twin Islands: Take a voyage back into history up Teakerne Arm and see the waterfall that Captain Vancouver's crew used as a spa. If weather permits, you'll be able to enjoy a swim in Cassel Lake then cruise to Twin Islands to overnight in the lodge where Queen Elizabeth slept. The second day you'll explore the gardens, forest paths, and off-grid systems of this remote private island before returning on *Misty Isles* to Cortes Bay. Cost is \$400 each for couples and \$430 for singles, tax included, and covers all meals and accommodations.

For further details about these and other cruises aboard *Misty Isles* sponsored by the Cortes Museum check out the following websites: www.cortesmuseum.com or www.mistyislesadventures.com.

For more information or to register for any cruise adventures contact the Cortes Island Museum by e-mail (cimas@twincomm.ca) or phone 250-935-6340.

Other day cruises sponsored this summer by Cortes Island Museum include:

July 22 (Friday) – Desolation Sound (10:30 am – 5 pm), cost \$130

August 5 (Friday) – 'Round Maurelle Island (10 am – 5 pm), cost \$130

August 13 (Saturday) – Desolation Sound (10 am – 5 pm), cost \$130

To register or for more information:

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For day trips, participants can choose to bring a picnic lunch or pre-order a vegetarian pizza and salad lunch for \$10 each 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! Day trips are \$130, two-day trips are \$400 (double occupancy), \$430 (single occupancy), GST included. From off island you will need to catch a ferry in Campbell River (at **8:20** or **8:30** am depending on the week day) 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 return to the ferry in late afternoon.