



Museum & Archives

CORTES ISLAND BRITISH COLUMBIA

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING via ZOOM, Sunday, October 25, 1:30 p.m.

Our much-delayed Annual General Meeting (AGM) is finally re-scheduled! We are disappointed that this business-only meeting will not include the presentation by David Ellingsen, "Past, Present and Future Tense: A Decade in Climate Art" that was planned for our postponed March AGM. But we promise we will invite David back when in-person meetings are once again allowed.

We opted to hold our AGM using ZOOM to protect our members, board, staff and volunteers. Some of you are familiar with ZOOMing, but for those of you who aren't we are happy to help you figure it out in advance of the meeting. NO COMPUTER? NO PROBLEM! Just call the number below and you can join the meeting by phone. Prior to the meeting please read the 2019 Annual Report and Financial Statements, available on the homepage of our website by clicking the AGM button.

Join us on-line in your browser using the following link (hot link provided by email upon request):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86475940785?pwd=aDAoRUglWTdzS2dESnVUU1VRZ2hadz09>

OR: Log into meeting using ZOOM (must have downloaded ZOOM prior to meeting):

Meeting ID: 864 7594 0785

Passcode: 846796

OR: Call into meeting from a phone:

Dial (778) 907 2071 with meeting ID: 864 7594 0785

Please note: To be eligible to vote you must be a current Cortes Island Museum member. Membership is by donation of time or money and supports everything we do. Renewals can be done through our website, at the Museum 12–4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, or by mailing us a membership cheque.

WE LOVE CORTES

These strange times have deepened our appreciation of the Cortes Island community, and our members, volunteers and partners! We are discovering together how to support each other and stay connected and are pioneering new ways of delivering meaningful programming.

Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming co-sponsored activities.

COVID-19 IMPACT

The Museum and Archives have been open since July 1 with 50 percent of our usual number of summer visitors. From mid-March through to June, the Museum was closed. We miss your visits and all that you bring when you are here!

Here's what we are doing to make our spaces safe, so you feel comfortable visiting this winter:

We have:

- established a COVID-19 Safety Plan which is posted outside our door
- trained staff, board members and volunteers to follow clear protocols, including questioning all visitors about their health, recent travel and possible exposure to COVID-19

We are:

- tracking all visitors' contact information should tracing be necessary
- requiring masks and social distancing
- ensuring posted occupancy limits are followed
- cleaning and sanitizing spaces regularly

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

MEMBERSHIP WITH CORTES ISLAND MUSEUM & ARCHIVES SOCIETY BY DONATION OF TIME OR MONEY

Name: _____

Date (YYYY/MM/DD): _____

Address: _____

I/we have sent e-transfer of \$ _____
to cimas@twincomm.ca.

PO Box: _____

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

Town: _____

I/we wish to donate my time working in
the area of _____

Email: _____

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

Phone: _____

Yes, I would like to receive periodic e-news

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

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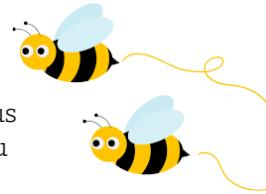
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BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT

We're designing a new exhibit for the main gallery featuring wild and honey bees of Cortes Island and you may be able to help. We want to connect with local beekeepers and others with knowledge about wild bees such as the Mason bee. Installation is scheduled for early 2021. Contact us if you are interested in sharing information/experience and if you have any beekeeping artifacts you would be willing to lend to the exhibit.



WILD CORTES

Curator Laurel Bohart, the Museum's Directors and staff want to shout out a loud THANK YOU to Liam Baron-Preston and Norleen Lillico who volunteered to host our Wild Cortes Natural History Centre this summer. We are also grateful to the Strathcona Regional District for providing a Grant-in-Aid to help support the exhibit.



Wild Cortes will be open each Saturday this fall and early winter from noon to 3 p.m. and by appointment for private tours and functions whenever possible. Contact us to book your visit. The exhibit is located at 1255 Seaford Road at Linnaea Education Centre (next to the library).

NOW OR NEVER



We are still gathering submissions to our collecting initiative **Now or Never** to document this unique time living through a pandemic. If you haven't yet submitted, send us a story, drawing, poem, song, photo, video or anything else that is helping you or your family continue to cope. Our stories and experiences are important and Cortes Island Museum will ensure they are preserved and available for future Islanders facing similar circumstances.

Digital content can be submitted by email to cimas@twincomm.ca using "Now or Never" as the subject. Original copies of photographs, written accounts and artwork can be submitted at the museum during opening hours.

UNLOCKING THE ARCHIVES



Cortes Island Museum & Archives was awarded a 2020 Library and Archives Canada grant for the new project **Unlocking the Archives**. The intent of the project is to raise awareness about the wealth of historic photographs in our collection and make them more accessible and useful. Phase one, currently underway, will see the digitization of 3800 photographs, dating from the late 1800s to 2016. In phase two, the Archives will be made accessible through a Discovery Interface providing online access to its database and records. Stay tuned for phase three, a social media campaign to share the Archives.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT CORTES ISLAND?

Maëve Leduc, our summer host/interpreter took on the big project of creating a database to index our Information Files. These files, while not original archival documents, contain fascinating tidbits of information about families, places, and numerous other topics relating to Cortes. The project will be completed this year making these files more easily accessible.

BUTTERFLIES



Thank you for submitting your butterfly sightings this summer.



We've had 17 butterfly species recently reported by our members and butterfly enthusiasts. Our Cortes Island naturalist, Christian Gronau, and Lunabelle Loiseau-Tremblay from Quadra Island, a butterfly enthusiast and specialist, were helping us with confirming the species. We will continue documenting Cortes Island butterflies next year. Have a look at our butterfly page: <https://cortesmuseum.com/museum/butterfly-sightings/>.

"CHIRP CHIRP" FRESH AIR FUN!



Each year, the Cortes Island Museum sponsors the **Christmas Bird Count (CBC)**. This year, the count will take place on Sunday, December 27, 2020, weather permitting. The alternate day is Saturday, January 2, 2021. Participants will pre-register in December. You will join an area leader and maintain social distancing by moving from place to place in your own vehicle. Registration and count details will be circulated closer to the event.

THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS

This year donations are down 75 percent and our usual fundraising activities were ALL cancelled. Fortunately, offsetting this decline, Cortes Island Museum received emergency and resiliency funding from several federal and provincial agencies.

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia and our other funding partners:

- Heritage Canada
- BC Arts Council
- Destination BC
- BC Gaming
- Library and Archives Canada
- Employment and Social Development Canada
- BC Museums Association
- Strathcona Regional District

We are hopeful that these funds will continue to support us through 2021, as we reestablish safe community outreach programming and fundraising activities.