

What's new at Shawnigan Lake Museum?

Lori Treloar
Curator, Shawnigan Lake Museum

The newest display at the Shawnigan Lake Museum, the General Store, is nearly complete. We could not have made this happen without the generous help of volunteers and in-kind donations. It is amazing, and heart-warming, to see how people step up when asked to help. **Mark Woloszczak**, museum volunteer and member of the board, spearheaded

and managed this project. Mark enlisted the help of friends and co-workers and rounded up the necessary materials. He also donated his own time to be hands-on help in every part of the project.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this project. We especially appreciate the help from the following:

- **Doug Gamble** helped to make our vision a reality by advising that "yes, it could be done"

and then donating his time to help create it. Doug framed in, and sheeted, the new space; installed the new door and helped with the drywall installation.

- **Mark Miller**, from MD Installations, and his crew did an amazing job of installing the beautiful siding and trim to the exterior. To contact Mark: cell: 250-812-4081 office: 250-743-0016
- **Paul Stone** - helped with drywall installation and taping. Contact: Stone and Sons Drywall cell: 250-715-5170
- **Brian Hodgetts** - drywall finishing. Hodgett's Interiors 250-709-5704
- **Mike Kadar** - drywall finishing. 250-208-8720
- **Cory Apps** - drywall finishing. App's Drywall
- **Helmut Teunissen** designed and installed a stunning "store front" for the new display that creates a sense of depth and authenticity. For work at your house, call 250-743-7499
- **Grant Treloar** helped with the installation of the flooring and store shelves.
- **Dodd's Lumber** in Duncan donated 32 pieces of 2x4 and 2x6 lumber for the



New store at Shawnigan Museum



Mark in the new Museum space

- project. 250-748-1032
- **Rona** in Cobble Hill donated 7 sheets of 5/8 inch fir sheathing 250-743-7573 Commercial Construction Supply donated drywall, insulation, poly siding and tar paper. 250-715-3730.
- **Gavin**, from **McArthur's Custom Cuts**, Shawnigan Lake, was incredibly generous and provided us with enough of his beautiful cedar boards to trim the exterior and interior and to build the store shelves 250-701-7113.

One recent visitor, who grew up at Shawnigan, walked into the new space and, without prompting, said that our "store" reminded him of Aitken and Fraser when he was a boy. That review says it all for us. We are thrilled with the result and hope it will inspire nostalgia for you as well.

You can visit the museum Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11:30 - 4:00. **Check it out - it's guaranteed to surprise you.**

www.shawniganlake-museum.com

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Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is the future. Today is a gift ... that is why it is called the present. I once heard a wise young man say, "It was never yours if you can not give it away." And I think that is what our Family Caregivers Support Society is all about - giving, or more appropriately, sharing, our strengths and gifts with others.

Our philosophy speaks of another's rights and, by implication, all creatures' rights, to be treated with respect and to make choices to do things which make each day a gift. To say what we mean, and mean what we say, which engenders trust. To nourish strengths so one can take charge of their

life; to open hearts so one can share their gifts. Why? It is a cold day when there is no trust; when others are in charge of one's life; when neighbours do not know neighbours. It puzzles me that we are brought up to be independent when our whole society runs on interdependence, often commercially, but a real treasure when it is spontaneous. Our philosophy reflects our belief that people form a whole as a community and are nourished by what they share.

Ralph Waldo Emerson has written, "It is one of the beautiful compensations of life, that no man sincerely try to help another without helping himself." To me this is a

win-win situation.

Our philosophy reflects our belief that people form a whole as a community; are nourished by the interdependence that comes from sharing their gifts and strengths; and by what they can give away.

Marshal McLuhan says, "There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew." H.E. Luccock says, "No man can whistle a symphony. It takes an orchestra to play it." No one can do it alone. We need each other.

Have a gift day.

Garth Harvey
Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society

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May I have a word...Halloween

Monica Foster
Shawnigan Focus

There are many myths and theories about the origin of Halloween. Just like the English language, it originated with the ancient Celts and has been influenced and modified by immigration, emigration, religious beliefs and the passage of time.

November 1st was a holy day, a day to honour loved ones who had passed away. The Old English word for holy is hallow, and the day was known as All Hallowed Souls Day, subsequently shortened to All Hallows Day, All Souls Day or All Saints Day (it is still celebrated in Mexico

as the Day of the Dead).

October 31st was considered by some Pagans as New Year's Eve - the end of long sunny days, the growing season and harvest. It was thought to be a magical time when our world and the otherworld were the closest - when it was easiest to communicate with the spirits of your relatives. The evening before All Hallows Day would be All Hallows Even, eventually shortened to Hallowe'en, and now Halloween.

While the door was open for the beloved souls, so it was for the evil ones too. The time was apparently ideal for bad spirits to move into you and your home. To protect themselves as they

went out to celebrate, people would disguise themselves as scary ghouls to blend in with the real ones. To protect their houses, offerings of food were left outside because nothing foils an evil plot like a good meal. Trick or treat, anyone? Another version of this activity comes from the practice of the poor going "a-souling": begging for food and offering prayers for the souls of people's relatives in return.

One poor soul who got a lot of prayers was a tricky lad named Jack. According to Irish folklore, his pranks got him banned from both Heaven and Hell. Candles were lit for his spirit, lost and wandering between the two worlds. Turnips carved out to hold

the candles became known as jack-o-lanterns. Irish immigrants to North America found the pumpkin, readily available at this time, easier to carve than a turnip, and better looking too, I bet.

Some may disparage modern Halloween in how different it looks from the original All Hallows Even. Nowadays, people have fun planning cute costumes with their children and taking them to community parties. Anyone not a child will be planning their own cute, funny, or scary costume and going out with friends to a party. An evening that started out as a community and family celebration, centuries later, is still basically just that. BOO!

A work in progress...

Our aim is to have the Shawnigan Focus delivered to as many residents of Area B as possible. This has been a challenge. Many Area B residents have told us that they do not receive the Focus, or that sometimes they do and sometimes they don't. Last month we asked the community to let us know if they were not receiving it in their mailbox. We have discovered that the Shawnigan Post Office has not been receiving the correct number of newspapers from the printer to supply all of their routes and boxes. Because they were always short, the papers were delivered to the boxes in a different order each time so that the same people weren't affected every time. We hope to have this problem resolved for the October issue.

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Department members attended 17 calls in September

Department Officers attended 6 burning complaints in September

- Saturday, Sept. 1 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd.
- Sunday, Sept. 2 - MVI at Shawnigan Lake & Renfrew Rd.
- Sunday, Sept. 2 - 1st Responder off Silvermine Rd.
- Tuesday, Sept. 4 - 1st Responder off Colman Rd.
- Tuesday, Sept. 4 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd.
- Wednesday, Sept. 5 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd.
- Thursday, Sept. 6 - Smoke in the Area off Renfrew Rd.
- Friday, Sept. 7 - MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd.
- Friday, Sept. 7 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd.
- Friday, Sept. 7 - Alarms Activated off Renfrew Rd.
- Saturday, Sept. 8 - Alarms Activated - Shawnigan Lake Rd.
- Friday, Sept. 14 - 1st Responder off Carlton Rd.
- Saturday, Sept. 15 - 1st Responder off S Shawnigan Lake Rd.
- Sunday, Sept. 16 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd.
- Monday, Sept. 17 - Unknown Fire on Wilmot Rd.
- Thursday, Sept. 27 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd.

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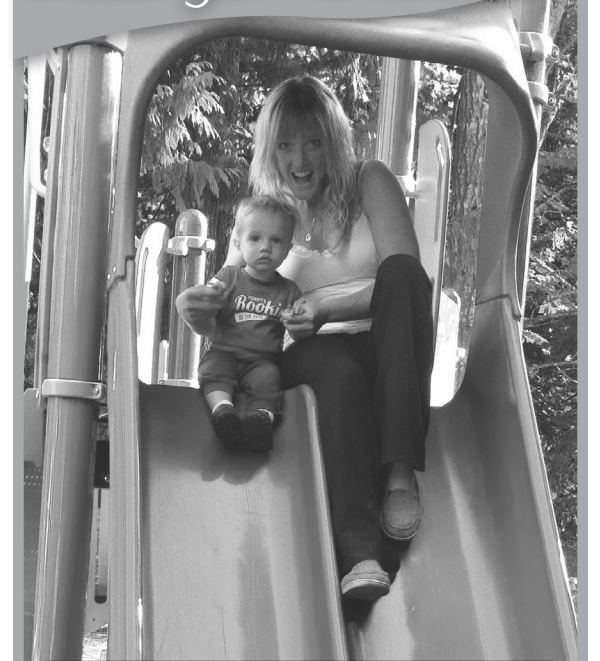


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WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT? WHY IS IT?



First correct answer sent to editor@shawniganfocus.ca wins

WHAT IS IT? CONTEST WINNER: SEPTEMBER

We stumped you last month!!

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Shawnigan Weather for September 2012

(stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network) ~compiled by Grant Treloar

	September Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Kelsey School		
		2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Average High	20.2	23.6	22.9	22.5	21.5	23.8	22.4	22.0	21.2	
Average Low	9.2	9.2	10.7	9.0	10.6	9.5	10.7	9.0	10.1	
Extreme High	33.5	30.2	31.9	29.2	30.4	30.7	32.6	28.4	29.9	
Extreme Low	-3.9	5.2	6.1	4.6	5.9	4.8	5.7	5.0	5.6	
Precipitation	37.6	2.3	92.9	1.7	73.0	1.2	59.4	1.2	53.1	
Days w precip	9	3	9	3	9	2	9	2	10	
Lake Temp: Sept 2 nd :21° Sept 9 th :19° Sept 16 th :19° Sept 23 rd :19° Sept 30 th :17°										

Malahat Legion

1625 Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road
For more information: 250-743-4621

Thursday, Oct 25

- Annual Veterans Dinner. Maximum 80. Signup sheet is at the Legion bar

Sunday Nov 11

- 10am Non Denominational Church service Cobble Hill Hall.
- 11 am Cenotaph service and tribute Cobble Hill Cenotaph
- 11:15 Malahat Legion is open to the public including children. Singalong with Eric McQuillan all afternoon. Cowichan Valley Pipes and Drums - approx. 3pm

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **Area B Director's meetings**
1st Monday of each month – 7 pm at SL Community Centre (SLCC)
- **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission**
1st Thursday of each month. 7 pm at SLCC
- **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**
3rd Thursday of each month 6:30pm at SLCC
- **Shawnigan Improvement District**
2nd Monday of each month 7 pm at #1 Fire Hall
- **Shawnigan Lake Residents Association**
The SRA will hold their Annual General Meeting in late November. The South Island Aggregates (SIA) application will be a main item on the agenda. The public is encouraged to attend. Stay tuned for the exact date and location.
- **Shawnigan Lake Business Association**
1st Tuesday of each month 7 pm, currently at the Village Chipperry
- **Shawnigan Lake Community Association**
4th Monday of each month 7pm. Contact bburr@shaw.ca to get on the mailing list. Anyone interested in joining is welcome.
- **Shawnigan Village Development Council**
October 20th at 2:00 at the Inspire! Gallery (and, as announced). Everyone welcome!
- **Shawnigan Watershed Roundtable**
Upcoming Dates TBA (see website for details: www.shawniganwatershedroundtable.ca) -Flight over Shawnigan to document and assess the health of the basin -Core Group Meeting -Volunteer Coordination meeting for the springtime All Basin Symposium -Alternative Land Use Tour
- **Inspire! Arts, Culture and Heritage**
"Our Water, Our Life" continues in the INSPIRE! Gallery into November. Keep an eye on our website for possible upcoming workshops also being held in the space. - October 27th - Wine, Women and a Paintbrush from 3-6pm - community gatherings and music jams on Monday evenings...open for everyone to connect, discuss, sing, and play music.
- **Shawnigan Lake Facebook** group has the objective to be for daily postings of people's stories, news and events on a more personal scale. Please view <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129586433786330/>

SHAWNIGAN EVENTS

South Cowichan Toy Drive

Dec 1st 2012 ~ Starting location: **Country Grocer (Cobble Hill)**

Time: 12:30 pm to 4 pm

BBQ burgers, hot dogs, pop, coffee - all proceeds 100% to CMS Food Bank

Children's Gingerbread cookie decorating, plus other activities

Vehicle decorating for vehicle parade

Fire Truck tour (Perhaps RCMP visit - will confirm)

4:30 pm parade to Shawnigan Village to present prizes for best decorated vehicle

5 pm celebrate with SLBA Annual Tree Light up with hot cocoa, fires, food, activities, pictures with Santa

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New Rules for PAN Disposal Correction:

Last month we were trying to help spread the word about the new rules for PAN Disposal but there was an error in what was stated.

We said:

"... alternate weeks are for alternate waste. The schedule started with the first week in September being for garbage, the second week for organics (aka compost), and continues from there."

What should have been stated is:

"Starting the first week in September they will be switching to compost every week, garbage every second week."

A schedule is available where tickets are sold, or by calling PAN at 250-743-3053.