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THE WOMEN'S DINNER GROUP



L to R - Bev Campbell, Penny Pope, Kate Roberts, Carolyn McDonald, Barbara Birke, Bev McCooey, Jane Burkmar, Sally Davies, Diane Pope, Liz Waelti Gwen Lloyd, Eva Towner

Sally Davies *Shawnigan Focus*

This year celebrates a group of thirteen women, who have met to enjoy each other's friendship and company over wine and a pot-luck dinner for forty uninterrupted years.

"The Women's Dinner Group" started in Shawnigan Lake with a half a dozen young mothers, their newborns and toddlers at their feet, for a brief respite from the merry chaos that only babies can create. It was an afternoon to enjoy adult conversation and compare notes while toddlers romped and babies slept (or

didn't) - a casual affair, more of a picnic really, with sandwiches and finger food.

Years went by... the babies started school and the mums went to work. The group grew to thirteen, a few people left the group in the earliest years and a few joined. We decided that thirteen was a good number that could be seated around a table, as most often there was a person or two who missed a dinner. Depending upon the number we generally sat in varying degrees of cosiness. The group included school teachers, two social service workers, and one artist.

The meals that were cobbled together on unbreakable plates morphed into casseroles, gourmet desserts and wine served on tablecloths with our best china, and enjoyed sans children.

Fully half of us were «Shawnigan Players» and would be involved in a production at any given time. The conversations continued to be about our children but we also talked about books we were reading and films that we saw. It was an oasis in time in a frenzied week of lesson plans, difficult clients and children's out of school activities, punctuated by hikes, Christmas cookie

exchanges, weekends away together and always, parties.

As the children graduated from high school and went on to universities or world travel, we got all the details at our monthly repast. Teachers begat teachers, artist begat artist and a few of our offspring travelled the globe and a couple became doctors.

Most of the children eventually married and we became grandmothers. Each baby was welcomed into our circle and showered with gifts carefully selected or handmade with love.

Two died, one became

a widow, but nobody divorced. Half of our group moved away to neighbouring communities in the valley, one to Victoria and one to Sidney, but we continue to meet. The conversations are still about books we are reading and films we have seen, community and world events and about world travel, as that is what the luxury of retirement allows us to do.

We bask in the reflected glory of our grandchildren (deserved or not), and mostly savour the unbroken bonds of families and lives linked over generations that began forty years ago in Shawnigan Lake.

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Malahat Legion

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Malahat Legion

Legions succeed only because of the volunteers that donate their time and talents.

Denise Holloway is a retired veteran with 40 years of service and she is now giving back to the Community. For the past 5 years she has been on the executive of the Malahat Legion holding several positions. Two years as Poppy Chair administrating and organizing the poppy drive and helping our veterans, and two years supervising the paid staff.

She currently is the gaming chair. That means that she organizes our weekly meat draw and oversees the money raised. All monies raised goes to the local community charities.

But what she loves doing is FISHING. Recently she caught a Brown Trout in the Cowichan River. After taking a picture – she let it go.

June 9th Denise co-chaired the recent Indoor Outdoor Flea Market where she showed off some of the fly ties that she created. The following weekend Denise chaired the 33rd Annual Walter Hall Community Fishing Derby.

She not only worked on the event, she also participated. In 2017 she won the largest fish caught.

Denise helped with the organization of Legion Week and July 1st activities. Starting in September she will be offering classes in fly tying again to the community free of charge. THANK YOU Denise for all your hard work.

Want to find out more about the Malahat Legion?

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South Cowichan Library

July 3 is the first day of summer reading (and more) for everyone!

Summer Reading Club, the Teen Reading Challenge, and the Adult Summer Reading Challenge all run until August 21. Sign up for fun and the chance of prizes.

The Summer Reading Club Launch Party is on Wednesday, July 4, 2 - 3pm. Help us celebrate the start of Summer Reading Club! Register, join in a scavenger hunt, listen to a story, and then build your own treat to eat. We'll be outside at the picnic table, weather permitting.

The LEGO Marathon and Mystery Challenge happens on Wednesday, July 11, 2 - 6pm. Dig into our large LEGO (and DUPLO)

collection to build what you want or complete a mystery challenge. Best suited for children 6 - 12 years but anyone old enough to refrain from eating LEGO is welcome!

We have Science in Action on Wednesday, July 18, 2 - 3pm with the Let's Talk Science outreach program from UVic. Children 3-6 will explore energy, forces, friction, and motion while older kids will use wheels, levers, and ramps to create working machines. Call or drop by to register.

The Around the World Sing-Along is on Thursday, July 26, 2 - 2:30pm. Take a deep breath and join Wing-Han and Casey for a sing-along of songs from around the world. Clap, dance, and drum along and have loads of fun. For kids and adults!

	June Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Average High	20.2	21.5	22.3	21.2	21.4	20.7	21.0	20.5	21.1
Average Low	10.0	10.0	10.2	11.2	10.0	11.3	10.7	10.3	10.5
Extreme High	35.6	34.5	33.7	33.9	32.1	32.9	31.9	32.5	31.0
Extreme Low	0.0	5.4	6.3	6	4.9	7.4	7.4	6.0	5.5
Precipitation	40.0	27.8	49.1	19.6	44.7	21.6	39.7	25.8	43.4
Days w precip	11	12	12	8	10	7	8	9	9
Year Precip	631.7	594.9	723.7	569.9	670.0	528.2	585.1	615.4	655.5

Rank since 1914: 35th warmest, 42nd driest

Lake Temperature: June 3rd: 19° June 10th: 16° June 17th: 19° June 24th: 21°
 Lake Level Change: June 3rd: -6cm June 10th: 0cm June 17th: -2.5cm June 24th: -2.5cm
 Surface Elevation: 116.28m 116.28m 116.26m 116.23m

Top 5 Summer Month Stats for Shawnigan Lake					
Warmest Month Average Temp:					
	1	2	3	4	5
June:	2015 (18.5°)	1958 (17.9°)	1969 (17.6°)	1992 (17.2°)	2009 (16.9°)
July:	1958 (20.7°)	2015 (20.3°)	2009 (19.8°)	2004 (19.7°)	2014 (19.6°)
Aug:	2017 (20.3°)	2014 (19.8°)	1967 (19.8°)	1986 (19.6°)	2016 (19.5°)
Coldest Month Average Temp:					
June:	1919 (12.1°)	1971 (12.4°)	1981 (12.6°)	1954 (12.7°)	1917 (12.8°)
July:	1932 (14.3°)	1921 (14.9°)	1954 (14.9°)	1957 (14.9°)	1943 (15.4°)
Aug:	1937 (15.3°)	1938 (15.4°)	1957 (15.5°)	1975 (15.5°)	1954 (15.6°)
Driest:					
June:	1922 (0mm)	1977 (3.8mm)	1926 (5.1mm)	1951 (5.3mm)	1978 (5.4mm)
July:	1922 (0mm)	1958 (0mm)	1944 (0.3mm)	1951 (0.5mm)	2013 (0.8mm)
Aug:	1942 (0mm)	1967 (0mm)	1986 (0mm)	1955 (0.3mm)	2003 (0.6mm)
Wettest:					
June:	1931 (139.2mm)	1980 (117.2mm)	1946 (109.7mm)	1997 (85.6mm)	1956 (83.1mm)
July:	1998 (60.8mm)	1972 (54.1mm)	1983 (53.6)	1932 (52.8mm)	1957 (52.1mm)
Aug:	1991 (136.8mm)	1975 (113.5mm)	1920 (105.2mm)	2004 (87.6mm)	2001 (79.4mm)

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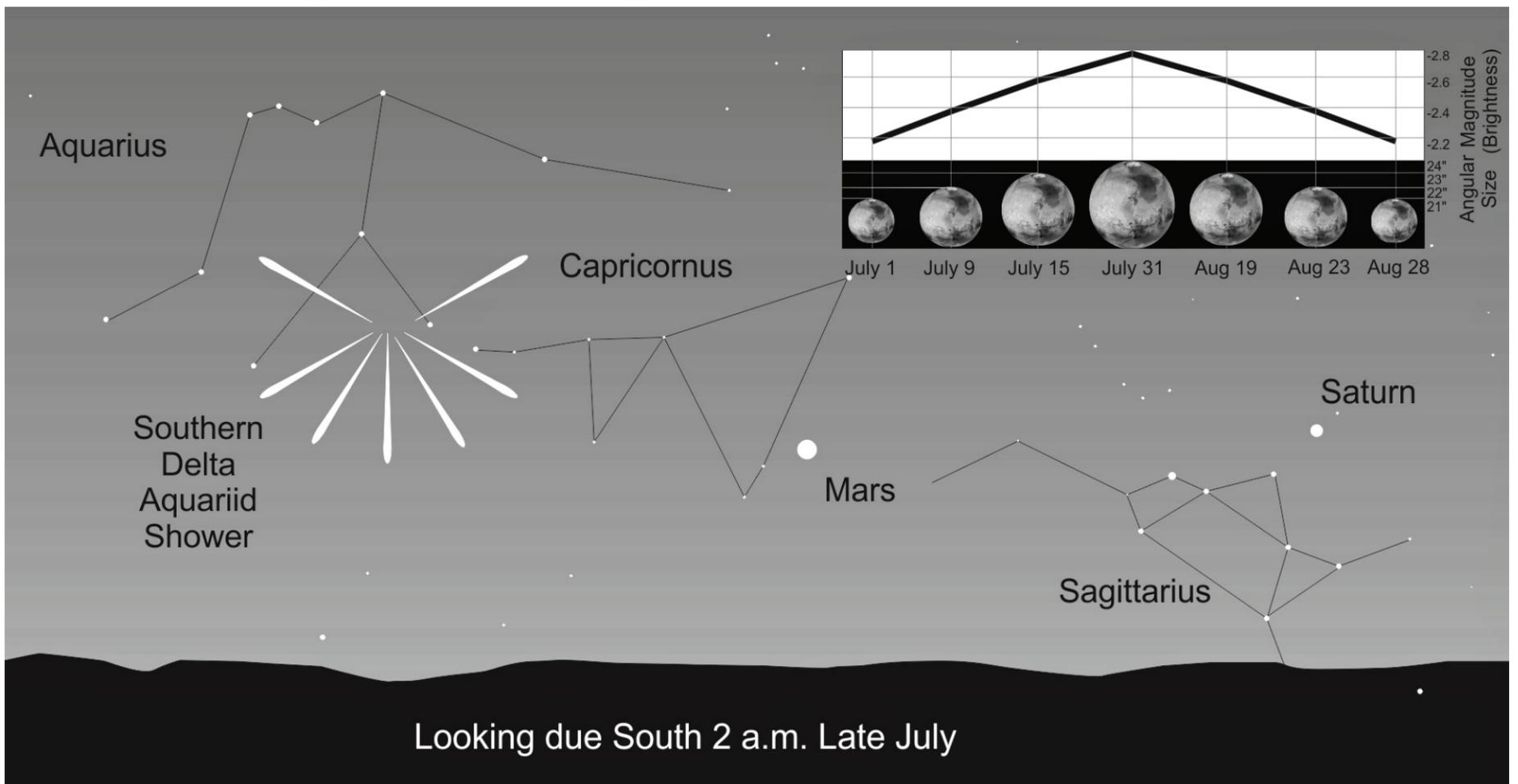
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Shawnigan Stargazer



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July: Mars at its best since 2003

Kids are out of school, nights are warm, and the planets are pretty much in an ideal position for viewing throughout the summer nights. Our attention turns from the spectacular rings of Saturn to the distinctly red planet of Mars. Since both Earth and Mars orbit around the Sun the distance between the two planets is constantly

changing. However, as both the orbits of Mars and Earth are elliptical (Mars much more than Earth), even the distance between the two planets when Mars is in opposition to Earth, can change dramatically.

Remember opposition is when Earth lies directly between a Planet and the Sun. This month Mars will be 35,785,000 miles from Earth, which is the closest approach since 2003 when it came within 34,580,000 miles of our blue marble. Compare

this distance to when Mars will be at its most distant opposition in 2832, when it will be almost double the distance at 63,070,000 miles.

In Astronomy, distance is a big thing; distance and brightness directly affects what we are able to see. Mars will reach opposition the night of July 27, and will make its closest approach to Earth four nights later, on July 31. Over the month of July, as Mars inches closer, you will notice it brighten even with your naked eye. It will brighten so much

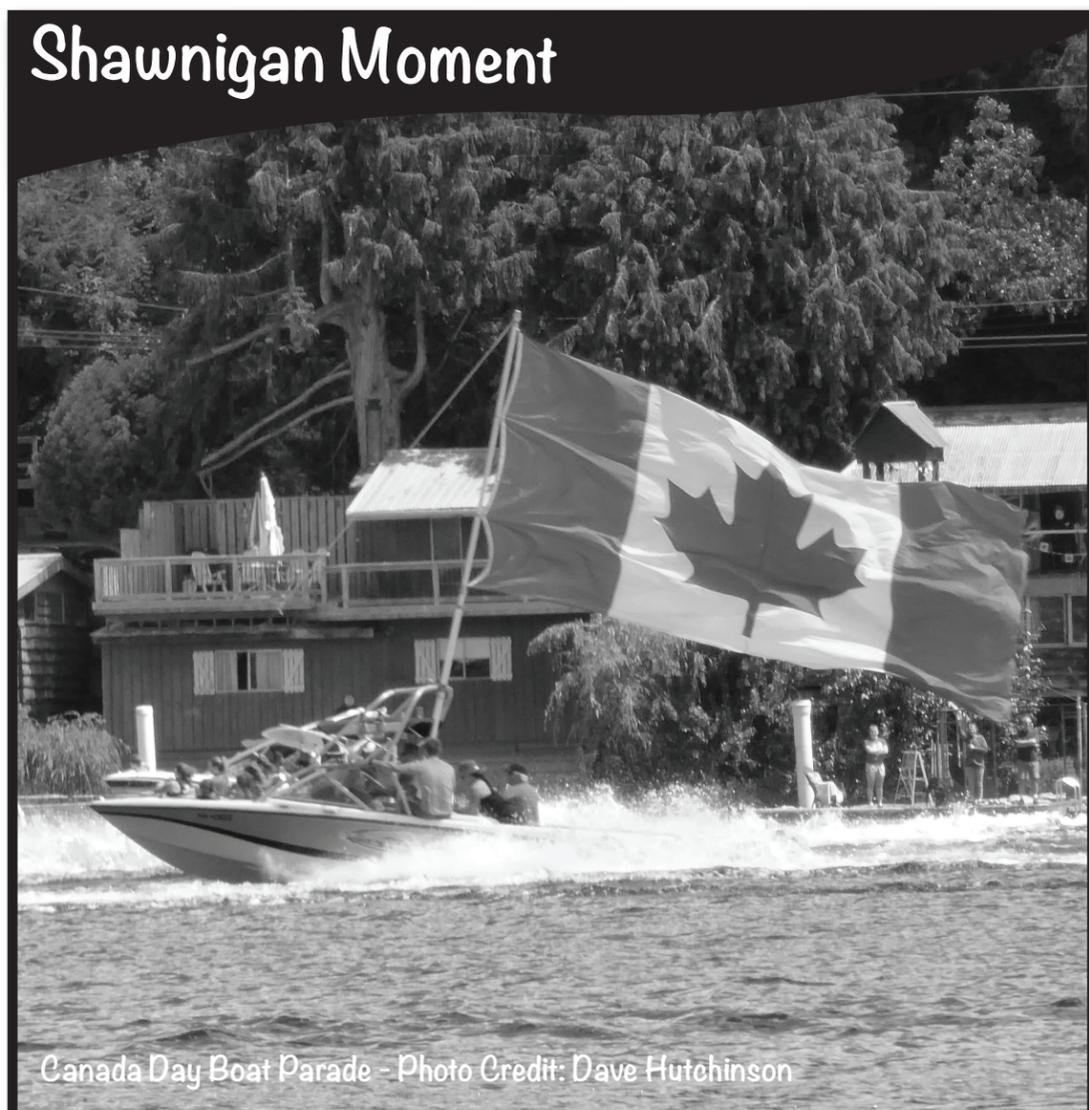
that it will overtake Jupiter as the brightest object in the southern night sky. Only the Moon and Venus will have a lower magnitude (brighter). When viewing through your telescope the fine details of Mars, such as the polar ice caps, and the dark and light Martian surface, should be apparent.

Planets and Moon: Saturn is rising progressively earlier and Jupiter is now in the south-eastern sky after midnight. Venus remains very bright in the western sky at dusk. Full

Moon is on July 27, diminishing the Martian opposition.

Meteor Showers: The Southern Delta Aquariid shower is not dramatic in the frequency of meteors but is particularly long-lasting from mid-July through mid-August. Fortunately for us, it lies directly east of Mars, so when you are out viewing the red planet this month, you will most likely see some shooting stars.

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Walk Talk

Robin Massey
Shawnigan Focus

On a trip to the Comox Valley we not only blessed to be able to visit the Air Loop (last month's article) but also took some time to check in on the Royston Seaside Trail (aka the Royston Wrecks and/or the Ghost Ships of Royston and/or the Breakwater Esplanad

Back in the day, Royston was once a major port during the logging boom in the Comox Valley. Logs were shipped by rail, loaded onto ships and then transported across to the mainland mills for processing.

William Roy, from Scotland via Nova Scotia, was one of the first few settlers to clear lands in the area. During 1910 William, along with

real estate promoter buddy Fredrick Warren, began to construct a village which was suitably named "Roy's Town". Some believe its name came from either Mr. Roy himself, or Mr. Warren's hometown of Royston in North Hertfordshire, England - or quite possibly a combination of both.

In 1935 someone came up with the keen idea of using decommissioned ships to create a breakwater in an effort to calm the stormy waters and protect log transporting ships. The idea caught on and later expanded to a fleet of 14. Over the next 25 years, as ships retired from sea duties, they were pin cushioned and sunk methodically into place.

Within the wrecks are a variety of ships such as destroyers, frigates, windjammers,



steam-tugs, barques, and a harpoon boat. Most of the steel hulled ships have since collapsed, decayed and rusted down under water. However, remnants of a couple 19th century ships (windjammers) are still visible today. When the mills permanently closed down, the wrecks were given protection under the BC Heritage Conservation Act as a registered archaeological site.

This means that it is illegal to scavenge the ships and also protects the hulls from unnatural destruction.

Although the wrecks are a big part of the trail, the area is also very well known for its birding all year round. On any given day you may see anything from swans, ducks, and loons to surf scoters, kingfishers, herons, wigeons, hooded mergansers, eagles

and more.

There are several access points to the trail but the main parking area, which is near the ships, is located at the end of Hilton Road off of the Island Highway South. There are also two other small park areas found right on the highway itself. The primary parking hosts a beautifully situated little picnic area and washroom facilities.

Book Review

Marcy Green
Shawnigan Focus

Full Disclosure

Beverly McLachlin
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After hearing this author interviewed on CBC Radio, I was excited to read her debut novel. Beverly McLachlin is the retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and so is uniquely suited to write a

crime novel that deals with legal battles, victims and perpetrators.

Did she pull it off? Yes, I definitely think so. I found the writing elegant and intelligent, much like the woman I heard on the air. The book is well anchored with Vancouver place names and references, which made it particularly enjoyable for me. From running the seawall to eating at some of Vancouver's finest restaurants to walking the gritty parts of the Downtown Eastside, McLachlin has the city pegged. In fact, it's

almost another character in itself, one that lends itself to a crime novel with its extremes of natural beauty and dark history. Robert Picton's crimes come into the story, contrasted against the magnificent North Shore mountains and the yacht clubs of False Creek.

She joins another of my favourite local authors, William Deverell, in being able to describe the court room scenes in a believable and interesting way, explaining the process without lecturing or talking down to the reader. It's particularly entertaining to be made aware of the skirmishes

between the lawyers and the judge, proving yet again that there is a lot of leeway and interpretation in the Law.

The main character, Jilly Tuitt, is a success as a lawyer, but struggles with her personal life. As an adoptee, her past life emerges, including her own time on the mean streets of the city. The tension makes her appealing and I expect we'll hear more about this dynamic character in future books. Certainly there are enough loose ends to signal that this could be just the beginning of a new detective/legal series.

While I guessed at one of the book's mysteries halfway through, the twists at the end were a surprise, with one perhaps a little too far-fetched. However, it was fun to follow the bread crumbs laid out rather tantalizingly throughout, giving the plot substance and colour.

If you're looking for a summer read that is enjoyable without too much angst and gore, you will enjoy this one. It is a fast read and nicely paced until the speedy ending which may leave you a little breathless.

Rating: 4.5/5stars

Have a safe summer! Federal Boating Rules:

- ★ All motorboats must be equipped with life jackets, paddle, bailer, flashlight, whistle or horn, floatable throw rope, etc.
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Director's Report

Is it ethical to force a community into something they never agreed to?

Sierra Acton
Director Area B

LOVE IT!

Preserving our heritage and accentuating what we have in our Village remains an important conversation in our community. Over the past eight months, I've hosted a series of meetings with Shawnigan Lake community and business leaders. These meetings have provided the chance for participants to share their ideas about revitalizing the Village. Just a few of the ideas that have been raised over the past few months include:

- ★ Improving the liveability of the Village by creating new walkways and parking.
- ★ Identifying key buildings for commercial and community use and attracting new users to these buildings.
- ★ Opening up the views and community access to the lake.
- ★ Revitalizing the idea of having a high-end resort near the Village that would capture the romance of Village's history.
- ★ Mapping the numerous home-based businesses and artisans in the community and building incubator space in the Village core to profile them.
- ★ More outdoor recreation accessibility such as a kayak launch and rentals.
- ★ Improving the highway signage and welcome signs surrounding the Village.

I have been able to secure funding that will facilitate more in-depth planning with the community

and the CVRD to prepare grant proposals so we are ready for future federal grant funding. Feel free to contact me anytime if a new opportunity arises that you think we should explore.

SHARE IT!

Safe, affordable housing is the foundation of communities and an essential part of a "smart growth" plan, which leads to a healthy local economy. Affordable housing is also a critical factor when it comes to supporting our seniors who wish to age in place and stay in the community. Extensive discussions on the issue have been held over several years with the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD). This has culminated into a proposed bylaw to provide funding to the Cowichan Housing Association for securing affordable housing opportunities for the Valley. There are now a number of federal and provincial housing programs which can provide additional funding for projects of this nature, but approval for this funding is predicated on strong support from local governments. The CVRD Board has initiated a referendum for a tax that will allow us to get the support from the provincial and federal government that we so desperately need. Adoption of the proposed CVRD bylaw will enable us to be more effective in meeting the growing housing needs locally and will demonstrate our regional commitment. These grants and the resulting projects will enable us to partner with local developers to build the 'missing middle' in housing stock. In Area B, this tax will work out to around \$4.58 per \$100,000 of assessed property value

With a stable place for everyone to call home, we can build healthy families, a better community and

support the local economy. For more on the referendum, and the Cowichan Valley Regional District, you can sign up for notices and stay informed at: <https://www.cvrdb.ca/List.aspx> and <http://www.cowichanhousing.com/>

PROTECT IT!

When I arrived here I spent a lot of my time volunteering in the schools until I was thrust out of my comfort zone and felt compelled to become an activist for the first time. My focus has always been on the children and I remain committed to insuring that this community and its children will have a healthy future. It's unfortunate that the contaminated soil issue has still not been resolved; a hundred thousand tonnes still remain on the hill next to the creek. Luckily there's a hard working Research Team (SRG) that continues to work towards the removal of the soil. The reasons the soil must be removed are the same reasons the site had to be closed: it was never an appropriate location, the environmental risk is too high, the community never agreed, and the community's health is more important than one company's profits. It was never ETHICAL to force this nightmare on our community and the only ETHICAL course of action is to remove the material to a proper facility. Removal remains the only option and it is my (our) number one priority. Please write Premier Horgan and Minister Heyman and ask them to make the "Ethical" decision.

I am always open to new ideas and suggestions and look forward to connecting:

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Next Director's Meeting July 9th at 7pm at SLCC

Ebb & Flow at SCCPAS

Sarah Davidge,
Program Coordinator

South Cowichan Community Policing Advisory Society (SCCPAS) would like to say, "Thank you" to Greer Stewart former President of SCCPAS. Greer joined SCCPAS three plus years ago as Director, and later as Vice-President under Shirley Walker who was our President at the time.

Greer was voted in as President of SCCPAS after Shirley Walker's retirement. She contributed an extensive amount of time and energy in supporting the South Cowichan Community and worked very closely as our liaison with the Shawnigan Lake RCMP Detachment. Greer offered vision and compassion in working with the community. She dedicated many long hours in our budget planning and the overall day to day operations of the office. Her desire is to stay very active as

a Director as she is passionate about community and safety. Greer's number one passion (you will hear her share this often), is the safety of our ageing/senior population. In her last meeting Greer held a special SCCPAS Meeting to vote in our New President, Bob Collins who is a long-time resident of Shawnigan Lake and a Road Safety advocate. Also elected was our new Vice-President, Karen Adams who brings valuable experience to us as a retired member of the RCMP. We will be writing articles on both Bob Collins and Karen in the next issue of the Shawnigan Focus so stay tuned ...

Anthony (Tony) Jackson, has resigned from the Board after serving two plus years as both Director, and later Vice-President. Tony has given much dedication to SCCPAS and provided invaluable help in the areas of human resources, recruiting, day to day operations, and conflict resolution.

Tony now has become President of South Cowichan Rotary.

We know that all of us have the same common goal at the end of the day which is the safety and importance of community as South Cowichan grows and thrives. The value and dedication that is given to this community through active volunteers like Greer and Tony is paramount to the success of the programs and growth of each of us individually.

On behalf of the SCCPAS Volunteers and Staff we would like to say, "Thank you".

We look forward to what is about happen and the future direction of SCCPAS as our community grows and the value and importance of community policing is recognized.

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"Love is at the root of everything, all learning, all parenting, all relationships. Love or the lack of it." Mister Rogers

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- ★ Shawnigan Lake Focus

- ★ Young Seniors Action Group Society
- ★ Island Traffic Control
- ★ Pony Club Band
- ★ Signology
- ★ Village Chippery

If you would like to become a volunteer or get involved in any of our events, please contact Marian Davies at Shawniganlakecomassoc@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook!



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Department members attended 22 incidents in June

- ★ Friday, June 1 – Mutual Aid Structure Fire w/Mill Bay on Holland Ave
- ★ Friday, June 1 – HazMat Incident on Sooke Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, June 4 – Mutual Aid HazMat Incident w/Malahat on S Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Tuesday, June 5 – Mutual Aid Barge Fire w/Mill Bay on Trowsse Dr
- ★ Wednesday, June 6 – Burning Complaint on Renfrew Rd
- ★ Friday, June 8 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, June 9 – Alarms Activated on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, June 10 – Bush Fire in Kapoor Hill Area
- ★ Sunday, June 10 – 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, June 10 – 1st Responder off Colman Rd
- ★ Monday, June 11 – 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Friday, June 15 – Unattended Campfire on Ravenhill Rd
- ★ Saturday, June 16 – Mutual Aid MVI w/Malahat on the TCH
- ★ Sunday, June 17 – 1st Responder off Elford Rd
- ★ Sunday, June 17 – 1st Responder off Jersey Rd
- ★ Monday, June 18 – Alarms Activated on Hartl Rd
- ★ Tuesday, June 19 – 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Wednesday, June 20 – 1st Responder off Sherburn Rd
- ★ Wednesday, June 20 – Assistance on Millicent Ave
- ★ Saturday, June 23 – Alarms Activated on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, June 24 – 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
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For more info check Facebook at Sierra Acton Area B
- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission (APC)**
Meetings TBA at Shawnigan Lake Community
Contact: Bruce at jenniebruce1@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**
Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month. 7pm at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre.
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission**
Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
- ★ **Shawnigan Improvement District**
2nd Monday of each month 7 pm at #1 Fire Hall
- ★ **Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)**
For info: check www.thesra.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**
Contact: bburr@shaw.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Basin Society**
1st Tuesday of the month in Watershed office: Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: luvlife@shaw.ca
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: blog.ysag.ca - email: ysagssl@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
Open Wednesday to Sunday - 10:30-4 Contact: shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca
- ★ **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**
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- ★ **Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134**
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*One lucky respondent with the correct answer will be randomly selected to win two Specialty Coffees at Shawnigan House.
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CONGRATULATIONS

The winning answer for June was submitted by Lindsay Riddell who identified one of the ill-fated cement docks associated with the Dhillsean subdivision off of Cullin Rd. Beached during the winter high water this one is precariously balanced atop a concrete block on the shore. Since their installation several years ago there have been many problems with the docks coming loose.



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Shawnigan Lake Museum invites you!

Lori Treloar
Shawnigan Lake Museum
Curator

It has been a very busy spring at the museum! The Shawnigan Lake Historical Society is pleased to announce the completion of Phase 1 of Project Impact. Phase 1 was supported by the Province of British Columbia through the *British Columbia | Canada 150: Celebrating B.C. Communities and their Contributions to Canada* grant program. As a result, we have recently completed an extensive interior upgrade that improves visitor safety and the overall visitor experience.

About the Shawnigan Lake Historical Society:

- ★ Mission: Sharing the passion for Shawnigan Lake – past, present and future.
- ★ Vision: To connect community and visitors with the Shawnigan Lake Experience.

The Shawnigan Lake Historical Society was incorporated in 1977 as a not-for-profit and charitable organization. The Society began collecting immediately while they searched for an appropriate building for a museum. The Shawnigan Lake Museum opened in 1983 in the 'old' fire hall (built in 1950) in Shawnigan Village.

Project Impact is the plan

to enhance and expand the existing museum facility for future sustainability. With a collection spanning over forty years, the current space limitations in the museum make it challenging to do the great programming and community work that the Society has become known for.

The expansion will add community space for public and school programming as well as make the museum more accessible. The Society has support from the CVRD Parks and Board to expand to the west within Elsie Miles Park. The expansion will include accessible washrooms inside the museum as well as exterior public wash-



Celebrating over 40 years in the Shawnigan Community

rooms for the village on the park side of the building.

The museum will also have a safer entry/reception area that is off the main road, for all visitors, but especially for larger groups such as tours, school programs and larger community events.

Project Impact will significantly enlarge our programming, gathering and engagement areas which will provide a direct benefit to the community, and to the more than 4000 visitors, from local to international, that visit annually.

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