



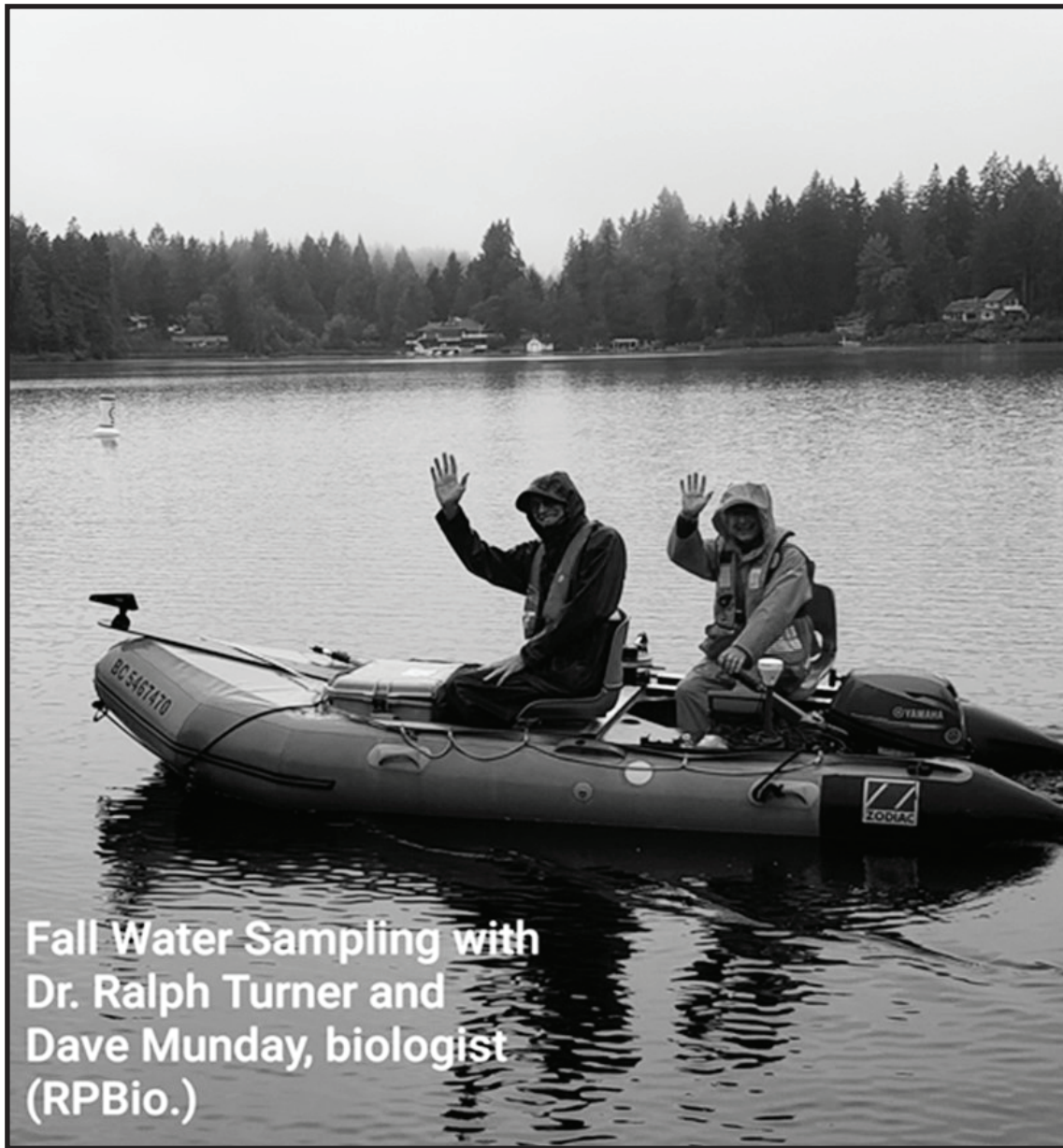
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SHAWNIGAN BASIN SOCIETY



Fall Water Sampling with
Dr. Ralph Turner and
Dave Munday, biologist
(RPBio.)



Coho spawning salmon released for their
upstream journey!
Photo credits to
Mike Wilson, Regional Director,
Area C Cobble Hill

Brettany Flowers

At the Shawnigan Basin Society, the directors and volunteers are busy working hard towards projects, strategic partnerships, and fundraising. We would like to express our appreciation for their valuable contribution. We are grateful for the energy, enthusiasm and dedication the directors and volunteers bring to their roles as volunteer workers. They make the mission towards the ecological preservation of the Shawnigan Basin and the drinking water it provides that much smoother.

A brief overview of activities underway!

Key Highlight Activities:

- ★ Ecological Legacy project work: hydrological and habitat research, community networking
- ★ Collaboration with Cowichan Community Land Trust
- ★ Collaboration with Koksilah Watershed Group
- ★ Collaboration with OUR Ecovillage on Awakening the Dragon Project
- ★ Foreshore inventory & documentation North East Shawnigan
- ★ Shawnigan Lake Water

Surveying, Testing & Data Analysis

- ★ Public & Private Water Testing

Activities:

- ★ Attending CVRD meetings and offering public input
- ★ Volunteering for CVRD South Cowichan Liquid Waste Management Plan (CLWMP)
- ★ Volunteering with The Mill Bay Conservation Society Salmon program
- ★ Biochar Production & Public Education
- ★ Funding research and

grant applications

- ★ Work Shop Coordination
 - ★ Forest Medicine Walks with Cowichan Elder Della Rice Sylvester
 - ★ NatureBC Kids Club
 - ★ Zoning issues on Shawnigan Lake
 - ★ Public access to lake/road ends.
 - ★ SLCA Halloween Activities
 - ★ Virtual Tour of the Shawnigan Basin with Mosaic
 - ★ On going Fundraising
- Always keep in mind that volunteers are not the same as employees. Their

involvement with this cause is truly voluntary. Without any real loss to themselves, they can choose to stay or walk away at any time and that's one reason why it's so important to communicate our gratitude and appreciation. Volunteers are vital to this non-profit organisation's success. Our directors and volunteers are special and valued.

"Thank you for your continuous work."

If you have an interest in the mentioned projects, have questions or concerns feel free to contact the office at 250-929-4076 or by email at info@shawnigan-basinsociety.org

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Millie Ann

Judy Bobke, Marsha MacMurchy and Hunter Taylor

Sometimes there are lights in our community that shine duller in the distance but are really brighter than they appear. You may not even know they are there until you encounter them. Well that was Millie Ann Organ!

Nestled up in her little hair salon above Masons you probably wouldn't give it a second thought not knowing what existed inside. Laughter was what was inside. A place to chat. An experience. A bright light. Fun. A friend to all who knew her. Millie had a zest for life many would marvel at. Always positive and happy, she had this bounce to her step that just put a smile on your face.

She loved a good run and workout too, and dearly loved her much needed vacations to Cuba with her long time love Greg. She was very proud of her Newfoundland roots and talked of home often. Her energy was contagious and her Newfie humour had her clients and friends in stitches.

Millie was loved by many in this community and her presence will be dearly missed. She had so many hopes and dreams and sadly those were cut short too soon. Our hearts ache for her beloved Greg and her family "back home". From all your friends here in Shawnigan we love you and will miss you dearly. The chats will have to wait until we meet again. Rest easy friend!



Shawnigan Weather OCTOBER 2020

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network - Reported by Grant Treloar

	Oct Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		West Side		Museum		Elford Road	
		2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Average High	14.1	14.0	12.2	15.0	12.5	15.0	13.5	14.1	12.5
Average Low	5.8	7.2	4.5	6.7	4.6	8.3	5.4	6.7	4.1
Extreme High	28.3	23.6	16.3	24.8	16.4	25.3	16.9	23.0	17.0
Extreme Low	-7.2	-0.8	-1.9	-2.3	-1.7	-2.0	-1.4	-2.0	-2.0
Precipitation	114.7	151.5	107.6	129.7	101.1	114.1	87.2	121.4	99.0
Days w precip	16	12	16	13	16	11	15	14	15
Year Precip	830.8	1037.4	735.4	973.6	645.0	889.4	605.3	1029.8	705.8

Rank since 1914: 21st warmest, 41st wettest

Lake Temperature:	Oct 4 th : 18°	Oct 11 th : 16°	Oct 18 th : 14°	Oct 25 th : 11°
Lake Level Change:	Oct 4 th : -2.5cm	Oct 11 th : 0cm	Oct 18 th : +18cm	Oct 25 th : +0.8cm
Surface Elevation:	116.03m	116.03m	116.21m	116.29m

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Holds and browsed items can be checked out at a touchless self-checkout machine, just bring your library card or install the MyLibrary! app. We also have a print station to go online to print what you need.

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Roadend Docks

My wife and I bought water-front property on Shawnigan Lake in 2005. At the first meeting we attended, the main issue was road end docks and the problems they were causing. Well we are heading into 2021 and has anything changed? Yes, it has. There are many more road end docks!! People bring their boats, bar-b-ques, chairs and other personal effects and call it their property! None of these docks have access to garbage or washroom facilities. The exception is non-lake-front home owners who have taken over highway right-of-way's that front on the lake.

Every year we see more beer cans, pop cans and other garbage floating in the lake or washing up on the shoreline. It is also common now to watch people urinating into the lake over the side or back of their boat!!

So, what is the answer? I believe all road end docks should be removed. Decrepit ones should be disposed of. Good docks could be set up at one of the existing waterfront

parkes that already have wash-rooms and garbage facilities. These docks could then be leased to persons on an annual basis and only renewed if certain responsibilities were met. Lease fees would have to cover the cost of both setup and maintenance. Peace and quiet would return to proper-ties beside the road ends!

I would suggest that the opening up of more road ends is a waste of money for both capital and maintenance costs. Yes, Shawnigan is a public lake. Spend the CVRD budget enhancing the existing waterfront parks and direct the public to use those areas where their activities can be monitored.

Yours truly, Doug Grant

A walk on the tracks in Shawnigan Lake

I had the opportunity to walk the new trail from Mason's beach and carried on to old Mill Park. It was great to see the progress being made in our trail network. I was also amazed at how many people were out walking the side of the rails and on the rails. It

will be really good to have the whole trail completed to old Mill Park and beyond.

Leaving the boat launch in its current spot will be a chal-lenge when the trail is put in with the traffic in the summer. The trail will cross the "rail-way" at that that point. But for now, we can all coexist.

If that is correct, it looks like we will be building almost on the foreshore which will result in the need for some fencing along the trail, between the trail and the actual railway, to protect users from potentially falling into either water or, if the train actual runs, will keep them safe while walking on the trail and protect the waterfront or foreshore.

As I walked along I noticed there is a lot of room on the east side of the railway which would not need any fencing to protect the foreshore or keep people safe from the railway as there is sufficient room .If we kept that route on the east side it would eliminate potential conflict with boat launchers and the walkers, cyclist etc, as it would not re-quire crossing the track at that

spot. And there would be no need to build another crossing to Old Mill Park as there is a very useable crossing by the ski club. Although a private crossing, it could likely be used with approval from the club as the walkers /cyclists would have very little impact on the ski club traffic, certainly less than at the congested boat launch. There appears to be a natural /currently in use trail into Old Mill Park from the rail bed. This would allow for a natural trail to the park and have no impact on the riparian area.

There is an area that would require additional work similar to that which was done on the new section, mainly to elevate the trail for about 300 metres to get past this section but would be within the 50 metre right of way and would not impact rail traffic if it ever restarts. This section would need to be fenced on the rail bed side to ensure safety for the walkers, wheel chairs and cyclists but only on one side similar to what was done on the new section just installed.

I also noticed several trails in

the bush that led to the lake. Not sure if those are legal or not but they would have no impact on the actual trail once it is built. Some cross-ings are legal as I understand it, but others still need to be sorted out.

I think we as a community want to see the trail built and also to provide the safest pos-sible walking and biking trail. Just by the number of people walking along the deteriorat-ing rail bed I believe the de-mand is there. We would love to see the trail done as soon as possible and help support our community encouraging people stop in the village for coffee and treats after their ride or walk. Families from all along the trail being able to walk safely to Mason's beach is a big bonus and offers cy-clist a safe link to pick up the road again.

Thanks to our Parks Com-mission for the foresight and vision and our elected officials and CVRD for all the work done so far. And to our com-munity for the use made of the trails.

~ Glenn White

Book Review

Marcy Green
Shawnigan Focus

Where the Forest Meets the Trees

by Glendy Vanderah
Published by Lake Union
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It would be hard to catego-rize this novel. Is it mystical science fiction, a thriller or a human drama story? Likely all would be correct, but it wanders into other catego-ries, too, including some interesting scientific descrip-tions. What grounds the story and holds it together is the setting, an idyllic one in a rural world of birds' nests, rivers, woods, nettles and, yes, stars.

The female protagonist is Jo, an ornithologist or bird biologist, doing her post-degree fieldwork on her own needing time and space to heal, both from physical and emotional scars. Into her spartan routine steps a bedraggled little girl, bare-foot and bruised, refusing to sensibly answer any ques-tions regarding her origins.

Instead, she insists she comes from a planet in the Pinwheel Galaxy and calls herself Ursa. She will return home when she has wit-nessed five earthly miracles.

Ignoring Ursa doesn't work, nor does threaten-ing to call the police, as the child simply runs away into the forest leaving Jo to worry about her well -be-ing. Where does she sleep? How does she eat and stay safe? Slowly and reluctantly, Jo becomes drawn to this mysterious waif and begins to look after her needs.

The neighbouring man Gabe, a shy farmer with his own painful issues, is still liv-ing at home with his ailing mother. His only connec-tion with the outside world is selling eggs. He is drawn by accident into the mystery and reluctantly falls under the child's spell. Who is this small being who understands Shakespeare and can draw with such talent?

Ursa is about nine and has a quick intelligence and loads of endearing charm,

easily manoeuvring both adults into providing her with a temporary haven. Her delight in the natural world as well as her joy in farm kittens and puppies be-gins to transform her into a more healthy-looking child.

As both Jo and Gabe be-come more attached to Ursa they attempt to connect her with the authorities, but Ursa eludes them all.

The plot shifts into the thriller phase when strange men break into the remote

cabin and gunshots disturb the peace of the unlikely trio. Ursa's past has caught up with her and real danger ensues. From there, the story moves along quickly with more police, hospitals and formidable social workers, all striving to help place a little girl into a "normal" home.

The ending is surpris-ing, but satisfying. Ursa has produced her miracles and, in doing so, has saved all three of the unlikely main

characters.

Recommended for those who still like fairy tales but enjoy reality-based charac-ters who are authentic and likeable. The added bonus for me was learning more about the field of ornithol-ogy.

This is another fine read for uncertain times, a good book to curl up with when the wind is blowing and the rain is falling.

Rating: 4.9/5 stars

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Strengthening community in a time of crisis:

Sarah Davidge
SCCP

As we have learned in these last months, a strong community is vital to the safety and well being of all. Our world as we know it has changed, we have had times of uncertainty and difficulty navigating through our day to day routines. Some of our routines have been brought to a screeching halt. Our office has also felt the effects of these changes. What was once status quo has changed for so many and what has once been routine has evolved into creating safety as well as emotional stability for all.

At South Cowichan Community Policing, we work with various aspects of our community from Seniors Safety to Road Safety, Community Safety to Business Safety. During this year of COVID-19 our office has moved to a new location; our safety mandate and community sup-

port has evolved into working very closely with community members and other agency to help to provide support and assistance to those in need. We have been working with strong and loyal community members like South Cowichan Rotary and the Mill Bay Food Bank to support the well being of our seniors as well as those with limited mobility to ensure they are able to receive their daily needs and at the same time address any safety concerns. Most recently working with the RCMP, local businesses and agencies as well as our community, everyone came together to support a local senior resident who had experienced seniors abuse and neglect. As part of the It's Not Right Training we navigated through this and brought about a positive outcome for all involved. Special thank you to Judy Bobke who stepped up to share this tragic story on Facebook with our community and within 24 hrs all the critical

needs were met and surpassed even their expectations. The letters that we received and the cards from long distance friends indicated just how much our care and support in time of severe crisis was vital and appreciated.

We have many vulnerable seniors in our community who currently are experiencing higher than normal physical safety and emotional support needs. Our Friendly Phone volunteers many of them seniors themselves, calling from their homes with longer than normal phone conversations bringing that extra comfort and personal reassurance needed.

We constantly hear our Friendly Phone clients repeating the same words, our service is "invaluable" with a resounding "thank you for all you do".

You may have seen our staff and volunteers out in the community or working

with other agencies to pick up and drop off groceries and other essentials.

The overall response and care that our community demonstrates repeatedly in times of crisis whether it be a shut down of our community by nature or in this year's case something much stronger. It is comforting to know that when we are in strong community we are not alone or on our own. South Cowichan you make me proud.

South Cowichan Community Policing Advisory Society 845 2B Deloume Road, Mill Bay, BC V0R 2P2
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Join our AGM on Zoom - Monday, November 16th, 2020 at 7:00pm. If you would like to attend, please email sccp@shaw.ca and we will provide you with the link and password.

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We encourage writers to submit letters and articles of interest to:

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Cowichan South Arts Guild is asking... are you looking for something?!

Jennie Stevens
CSAG

Are you finding opportunities to express your creativity during this unusual year of 2020?

Are you looking for inspiration, stimulation & a way to support or even join your local artistic community? CSAG has been working hard to find creative solutions for this time of social distancing by providing alternative online arts experiences that inspire & connect artists/performers with the creative minded appreciators of arts & culture.

Although Covid's health protocol has postponed our popular Sampler Series (Workshops offered by local

talented members on a great variety of subjects) and Makers Circles (small gatherings working on creative projects while connecting with others), we are excited to share the latest online projects for your pleasure! CSAG SPOTLIGHT SERIES offers recordings highlighting performances by seasoned and emerging musicians, as well as the work of many talented visual artists.

NESA (Never Ending Summer ArtsFair) has also shifted to online this year, and provides additional musical/artistic entertainment to see you through the Fall, as we prepare for uploading our annual "Once Upon A Win-

ter's Night" Event early in the new year. This is a family friendly event showcasing the talent in our community, including that of our local youth!

We hope you will check out the CSAG website and Facebook page, and give us feedback as you view the results of the hard work of all the participants in these offerings. Consider joining the CSAG for just \$10/yr and add your ideas to the mix!

May you be inspired to find your inner artist, as we celebrate the creative flow in us all!

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Our Shawnigan – Community connections

Sierra Acton
Area B Director

As we move into winter and observe how different things are this year vs last year many questions come to mind: as a community, how do we come together? How are people being affected by not being able to travel? How do we meet new people when we can't congregate in large groups? I can't help you with your Mexican vacation, but I do have some ideas about community building. One way is to join the next Our Shawnigan event. Come out and meet fellow neighbours and friends for a stroll up to one of our regions most valued assets, The Kinsol Trestle. This walk is perfect for those who are looking to connect with fellow walkers in the area, so I hope those who have reached out to me for that reason can make it. If there is interest, we can split up into two groups and share a walk on the Great Trail and the Fleetwood Trail that runs along the river.

Join us: Sunday November 22nd at 10:00 in the morning. The walk should take about 50-70 minutes.

Kindly RSVP: We are limiting the walk to 12 people, please email ILoveShawnigan@gmail.com

Please note: We will be following full social distancing protocol. Proper footwear is recommended as it is a gravel trail. Masks are not necessary but keeping a 2m distance from anyone not in your personal cohort is expected

As our world and everyday lives change, the Our Shawnigan events series highlights our community assets and creates connections in a creative and safe way. Should you wish to help or offer up ideas, please contact me.

As always, I'm available by phone or email. **Sierra Acton (250)-715-6763 - Sierra.Acton@cvr.bc.ca**



The Wild Side – Pacific Tree Frog

Dave Hutchinson
Shawnigan Focus

Shawnigan Lake, in early November, on a warm and sunny afternoon, enjoying a snack on the porch, is hard to beat. In stark contrast to the noise and bustle of summer, nothing disturbed the quiet and glassy smooth expanse of the lake reflecting the fall colours. Then a startlingly loud and unexpected “ribbet, ribbet” burst from within the withering tomato vines in the planter on the rail. The cat

ran over to investigate and I ran over to rescue the noisy amphibian from the cat. It was a Pacific Treefrog whose scientific name is *Pseudacris regilla*.

A Few Details:

- ★ Pacific Treefrogs like to live in damp places, wetlands, ponds, woodland, meadows and pastures. As the name implies, these frogs are typically found in trees or other high-growing vegetation. They do not

normally descend to the ground, except to mate and spawn.

- ★ An extremely prolific frog, it is found continuously along the western coast of North America.
- ★ The Pacific Treefrog begins mating in early winter to early spring. Since these frogs are so widespread geographically, their breeding season is thought to be determined by local conditions.
- ★ Pacific Treefrogs vary in color from bronze to lime green. They can change their body color depending on their surroundings as well as the need to hide themselves. They also change color according to the seasons and temperature.
- ★ They are the smallest amphibian on the west coast, growing between one to five centimeters, with the female being decidedly larger than the male.

- ★ Like all amphibians (and reptiles), they are ectotherms, meaning that they derive heat from the environment, rather than producing it internally.
- ★ Pacific Treefrogs were regularly featured in movies because early sound designers could go out to the ponds in California, even in the Hollywood area, and easily record the sound of the chorus.
- ★ Their diet includes flies, ants, mosquitoes, beetles and small spiders. Adults capture insects by extending their tongues. The tongue is coated by a sticky secretion that traps the insect.
- ★ The naming of this frog has a confusing history. It was moved from the genus *Hyla* to the genus *Pseudacris* in 1986. A further subdivision into three species in 2006 remains controversial.
- ★ Pacific Treefrog cells

have a greater ability to repair damage from Ultra-Violet-B radiation than either the Cascade Frog or Western Toad. This may explain why the species remains abundant despite a general decrease in the numbers of amphibians in the wild.

Bonus Information:

According to various fables, if you put a frog in a pot of water and slowly bring it to a boil, the frog won't realize that it is in danger and will boil to death. In 1995, George Zug, then the curator of reptiles and amphibians at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, stated that any such fable is “baloney” and “if a frog had a means of getting out, it certainly would get out.” Harvard professor Doug Melton, corroborated: “If you put a frog in boiling water, it won't jump out. It will die. If you put it in cold water, it will jump before it gets hot — they don't sit still for you.”



Pacific Tree Frog (*Pseudacris regilla*) - Wikipedia Image



G.J. Solley
Malahat Branch 134

As reported, the October 22nd Annual Memorial Service For Canadian Military Who Have Lost Their Lives in a Non-combative Role in the Service of their Country and Remembrance Day looked very different this year. Despite the restrictions that Covid-19 has placed on us, and all Legions across Canada, the actual ceremonies remained basically unchanged, just not open to the public. Ceremonies were broadcasted on TV and on-line.

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian Medical Officer during the First World War wrote the Poem "In Flanders Fields". The red poppies mentioned in the poem were adopted to be the official flower of Remembrance honouring the men and women who served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

We would like to thank everyone who came to "stuff poppies" into the envelopes at home or at the Legion on October 14th and 21st. We would also like to thank the businesses and

schools in the South Cowichan Valley who helped with our donation boxes. Donations can still be dropped off at the Legion when we are open on Fridays or Saturdays. All donations raised by the Poppy Campaign go toward helping the veterans in our area.

Residents in our area joined the large number of Canadians who stood for two minutes of silence on November 11th at 11:00 to show their respect and honour the men and women who risked all to defend our country. Please remember...

**Freedom is not Free
(Anonymous)**

IT WAS THE VETERAN, not the Reporter, who gave us freedom of the press.

IT WAS THE VETERAN, not the Poet, who gave us freedom of speech.

IT WAS THE VETERAN, not the Campus Organizer, who gave us freedom to demonstrate

IT WAS THE VETERAN who saluted the flag, who served beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag

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*Department members attended
25 incidents in October*

- ★ Saturday, Oct 3 – Alarms Activated on Sylvester Rd
- ★ Sunday, Oct 4 – Alarms Activated on Pillow Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 6 - 1st Responder off Bob 'O Link Dr
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 6 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Oct 7 – Alarms Activated on Sylvester Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Oct 7 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Thursday, Oct 9 - 1st Responder off Colman Rd
- ★ Monday, Oct 12 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 13 – Alarms Activated on Sylvester Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 13 – Lake Rescue off Stevenson Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 13 – Alarms Activated on Breenah Hill Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 13 – Hydro Lines on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, Oct 15 - 1st Responder off Northgate Rd
- ★ Friday, Oct 16 – Hydro Lines on Sommer Ln
- ★ Friday, Oct 16 – Burning Complaint on Norbury Rd
- ★ Sunday, Oct 18 – MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 20 – Alarms Activated on Wilmot Ave
- ★ Wednesday, Oct 21 – Burning Complaint on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, Oct 22 – Assistance off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Oct 24 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Oct 24 – MVI on Hawking Rd
- ★ Sunday, Oct 24 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Monday, Oct 25 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Thursday, Oct 29 – Assistance off Wilmot Ave



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- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission (APC)** Meetings TBA
- ★ **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**
Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month.
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission**
Meetings TBA. Held at the 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)**
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- ★ **Shawnigan Basin Society**
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- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: blog.ysag.ca - email: ysagssl@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
Open Thursday to Sunday - 11:00-3:00 Contact: shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca
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- ★ **South Cowichan Healthcare Aux.** every second Tuesday from 1 -2pm. at Mill Bay Community League Hall. southcowichanhealthcareaux@gmail.com
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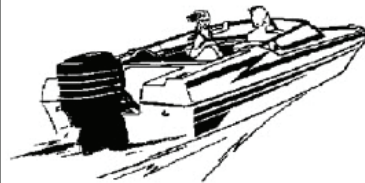


One lucky respondent with the correct answer will be randomly selected to win two Specialty Coffees at Shawnigan House.
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CONGRATULATIONS

Lisa Devers was excited to be the only person to identify the Flag Pole at Cairn Park across from the main Fire Hall. We don't know the history of the pole. It looks like it may be a mast from a sailboat!

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By examining the history of a community, we can learn what was meaningful to the lives of others before us. In the words of Aristotle, "If you would understand anything, observe its beginning and development". Often, we discover that the previous experiences in a community are important in the present as well.

The purpose of a local history museum is to celebrate the unique history of a community and create a sense of place. "Museums are at the heart of their communities. Museums preserve local history and culture, provide learning opportunities for all age groups, help create economic opportunities and provide spaces for the community to gather together" Erica Mattson.

Shawnigan Lake has a rich industrial and social history dating back to the late 19th century. Shawnigan residents value the past as evidenced by sales of the community history, Green Branches and



Fallen Leaves (first published in 1966). Due to demand, this book continues to be reprinted, which is remarkable for a community history. Shawnigan Lake Historical Society was established in 1977 and a

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