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SUMMER IS HERE BE SAFE ON THE LAKE

Boating Licence Requirements:

- ★ All motorized boats and PWCs (Personal Watercraft) in BC powered by 10 horsepower or more are required to have a Pleasure Craft License.
- ★ All Canadian boaters, operating pleasure craft are required to obtain a boating license... To operate any brand of (PWC Examples: Jet Ski, Wave Runner, or Sea-Doo), you must be at least 16 years of age and carry a valid Pleasure Craft Operator Card with you.
- ★ Not having the required Pleasure Craft Operator Card or proof of competency on board = \$250 fine

Boating Equipment:

- ★ A Canadian-approved flotation device or lifejacket of appropriate size must be available on the boat for each passenger on board.
- ★ Equipment required on board pleasure crafts of any size, including non-powered: Buoyant heaving line at least 15 metres in length. Watertight flashlight or Canadian approved flares – Type A, B or C. Sound-signaling device (example: a whistle).

Towing a water-skier, wakeboarder, kneeboarder or other towable device requires the use of a spotter. A spotter is a person who observes the person being towed.

- ★ A spotter must be in the boat at all times
- ★ The towing vessel must

be equipped with an extra seat for each person that is being towed in case an emergency recovery is necessary

- ★ Only personal watercraft designed to carry three or more people can be used for towing a water-skier
- ★ The person being towed must wear an approved

flotation device (a 'ski belt' is not considered to be an approved flotation device)

- ★ Do not tow water-skiers between one hour after sunset to sunrise
- ★ It is a criminal offence, as governed by the Criminal Code of Canada, to tow a person after dark
- ★ Boating while impaired

is an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.

- ★ While it is possible to pull a skier behind a jet ski, by law it must be a three-seater. This is because you need a driver, a second person to be a spotter and room (a seat) to recover the skier or every person on the flotation device. To pull a 150-200 pound

skier, you should ideally have an 110 horsepower (or greater) jet ski.

Operators with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood are liable to the following fines:

- ★ 1st offence: at least \$1,000 fine
- ★ 2nd offence: at least 30 days of imprisonment
- ★ 3rd offence: at least 120 days of imprisonment
- ★ Consumption of Alcohol on Boats

Alcohol may be consumed on board the pleasure craft if it meets all of the following conditions:

- ★ The vessel has permanent sleeping facilities
- ★ The vessel has permanent cooking facilities
- ★ The vessel has a permanent toilet
- ★ The vessel is anchored or secured alongside a dock

Paddleboards

Stand Up Paddleboards require, at a minimum, a Personal Flotation Device, a floating throwing rope and a sound signalling device. A watertight flashlight is required for low light or nighttime conditions, Option 1 - Wear a lifejacket with a whistle (no buoyant rope required). Option 2: Carry a lifejacket on board with whistle and a buoyant heaving line. Option 3 - No safety equipment which carries a fine of \$200-\$500 for non-compliance.

The RCMP is the law for all the above infractions on Shawnigan Lake.

Things to Do

Kinsol Trestle
Mason's Beach
Shawnigan Museum
Shawnigan Wharf Park
Provincial Park
Hike Mt Baldy
Trans Canada Trail
Memory Island Park

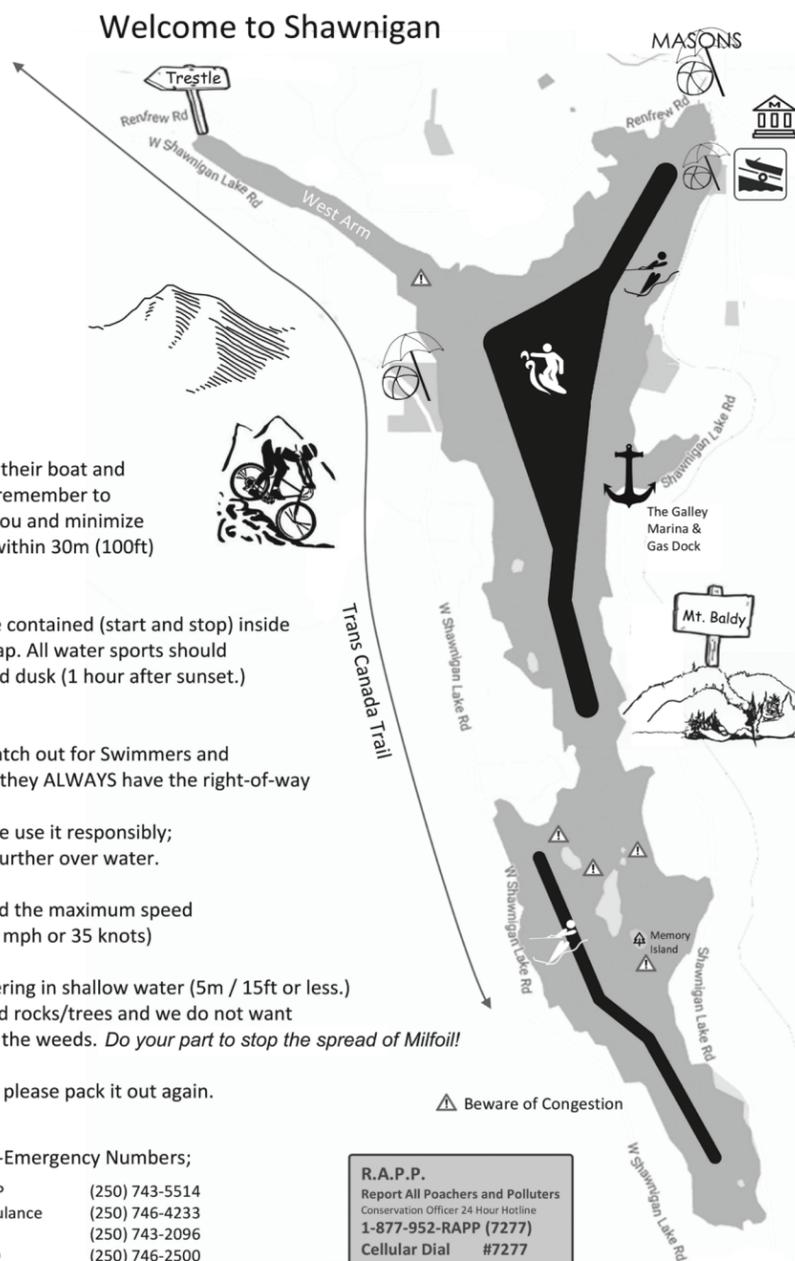
On the Water

- Everyone loves cruising in their boat and looking at houses. Please remember to occasionally look behind you and minimize your wake when you are within 30m (100ft) of shore.
- Big Wake sports should be contained (start and stop) inside the **BLACK** areas on the map. All water sports should happen between dawn and dusk (1 hour after sunset.) Enjoy!
- Please make space and watch out for Swimmers and Non-powered watercraft; they ALWAYS have the right-of-way
- If you have a stereo, please use it responsibly; Loud music travels much further over water.
- Got a fast boat? Be advised the maximum speed on the lake is 65 km/h (40 mph or 35 knots)
- Please limit your maneuvering in shallow water (5m / 15ft or less.) There are lots of unmarked rocks/trees and we do not want to disturb the fish beds or the weeds. *Do your part to stop the spread of Milfoil!*
- If you brought it with you, please pack it out again.



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Shawnigan Lake Rotary EcoClub



Steve Elskens
President, Shawnigan Rotary Club

It will be my honor to serve as the first president of the first Rotary EcoClub in Canada, one of only a couple dozen worldwide so far. I'm interested to connect with

these clubs to learn what they are doing, and in this regard it is also an honor to become part of an organization that has such an illustrious international history in serving people and their communities.

For me personally this opportunity means that I get to

connect with my community in a meaningful way and that I get to connect with like-minded people who share my love for the outdoors and who share my desire to protect and rebuild the more-than-human world.

As we are a brand-new club, I suppose the first order of business is to get to know each other better, so my intention is to have conversations with each of you to see what your individual environmental values are, what you think are the most pressing issues that face our community, and where you think we should allocate our energies and resources.

Together with all of you, I look forward to building an inclusive club that is accessible to all members of our community and in which we listen respectfully to each other,

without judgement. A club in which we share our knowledge and wisdom, and in which we try and inspire each other to find ways to connect our community to its natural surroundings. It is by spending time in the outdoors that we learn to appreciate and care for it, which in turn can lead to sustained conservation and regeneration efforts.

I want to thank our sponsor club, Duncan Rotary, as well as Ladysmith, South Cowichan, Duncan Daybreak Rotary and fellow District 5020 members for supporting our effort in establishing this club so far. Your help is much appreciated, and I look forward to learning from you and working with you.

Also, a very special mention to our Secretary, Kim, who can be considered as the

founder of our club and who really shouldered this whole project. Your efforts have been tremendous so far, and I'm sure I speak for all our members when I say that we are lucky to have such a passionate advisor.

Lastly, thank you everyone for being here today and being a part of this new initiative. I'm sure I don't need to tell anyone here that our natural environment faces many challenges. Perhaps with all of us we can present our community with a message of hope and a positive outlook on the future. As the late M.L. King said: 'Any movement, any culture will fail if it cannot paint a picture of a world that people will want to go to.' I personally look forward to painting this picture together with you all.

South Cowichan Library

Monica Finn
South Cowichan Library

The South Cowichan Library in the Mill Bay Centre is now back to FULL HOURS! We open at 10am Monday through Saturday and we are open until 8pm on Monday and Tuesday.

We are offering all the usual services, other than group programs, but with masks, distancing, and exiting out the back door. Summer reading challenges are back for children, teens, and adults. Library Mouse is hiding again as well.

If you enjoy a slower pace, we have an armchair and air conditioning.

The library is open for browsing. You can use a public computer, print, copy,

or scan. We're getting more Express Reads and Express View DVDs so you may get lucky and be able to skip the wait.

If you know someone unable to come into the library due to illness or injury, please let them know about our monthly volunteer Home Delivery service. Get books and audiobooks right at your door.

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If you have questions, please call us at 250-743-5436 or email southcowichan@virl.bc.ca .



I'm not sure why...

Glenn White
Opinion

I love riding on the Trans Canada Trail up to Sooke Lake Road. It is a lovely piece of the world we live nearby. The trail is well maintained, and in good shape, providing a lovely spot for a walk with family and our critters with lots of entry spots. We can do as much as we want to do or have time to do.

I do find it frustrating when I see the trail being chewed up by motor bikes and such. I honestly do not mind sharing the trail but can never understand the need to rip it up. I must be missing something, as there are so many trails in the forest around the trail where damage can be done with impunity and enjoyment.

The SLCA put up some signs during COVID about walking, and high 5's etc. For some

reason, but not sure why, the signs were cut in half and tipped over. Again, I am not sure why people need to do that. They were not offensive, nor did they tell us what to do etc. They simply acknowledged the joy of being on the trail. At any rate, I took them home and taped them together, and put them back up. We will see how long they last this time.

We have so much to be thankful for in our community. Our parks commission does an excellent job of developing green spaces for our enjoyment

Here is hoping that we can all enjoy the amenities that we have, cherish them and look after them. There is no need for senseless vandalism.

Enjoy the summer at the beach, in our parks or on the trails.

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What's inside?

Paige Henry
Shawnigan Lake Museum

Better with Butter: A Brief Look at Historical Butter Making

Whether it's spread on toast or mixed into cake batter, butter is a ubiquitous food item in many homes. While it can be readily purchased at the grocery store today, it wasn't always so easy to obtain. In the previous century, butter was homemade with hard work and several pieces of specialized equipment, many of which are on display at the Shawnigan Lake Museum.

Before dairying became a commercial enterprise, it was common for families to get milk from their own cows. Cream, also called butterfat, had to be separated from the milk before being made into butter. The milk would be left for a day or two in shallow pans, allowing the cream to rise to the top. It could then be skimmed off with a metal cream scraper. Another method was to pour the milk into a cream

separator, a metal canister with a spigot that allowed the buttermilk to be drained away from the cream after they had separated.

The next step in the butter making process was to churn the cream. Historical churns come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes, three of which are on display at the Museum. The largest of these is the Eureka Sanitary Churn, manufactured by the Eureka Planter Company of Ontario. Although more expensive than its predecessors, it was easier to clean, being made of ceramic instead of wood. The second type is a more traditional wooden "dash" or "plunger" churn, in which cream is churned by the up-and-down motion of a wooden pole. Last, is a glass hand-crank churn, commonly called a Dazey churn after the Dazey Churn and Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, which was known for producing this type. Having a more efficient mechanism than the dash churn and be-



ing small enough to sit on a tabletop, these churns were ideal for household use.

Once the cream had been churned into butter, it was rinsed in water to remove excess buttermilk. It would then be "kneaded" with the hands or a pair of wooden paddles to create a smoother texture. Salt would also be mixed in, both to improve

the butter's flavour and extend its shelf life.

Finished butter was sometimes pressed into elaborate wooden moulds, which left an imprint on its surface. Moulding butter not only made it look nicer on the table, but also allowed farmers to brand their products and make them identifiable to consumers.

The Shawnigan Lake Museum recently produced a video entitled "Let's Make Butter," which is one in a series that will be offered to educators later this year. Despite the limitations imposed by COVID-19, students will still be able to learn about butter making and other aspects of historical life from their own classrooms.

Shawnigan Weather June 2021

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network ~ Reported by Grant Treloar

June Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road		
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	
Average High	20.2	25.5	20.5	25.3	20.6	24.1	19.8	24.2	19.8
Average Low	10.0	12.3	10.5	12.2	10.6	13.4	11.7	12.3	10.6
Extreme High	35.6	42.3	27.7	42.5	25.8	42.1	24.8	40.5*	24.0
Extreme Low	0.0	5.1	5.6	4.0	5.6	5.9	7.8	5.0	6.5
Precipitation	40.0	31.2	67.3	36.3	56.2	20.9	64.3	31.2	60.6
Days w precip	11	7	15	8	13	7	13	8	15
Year Precip	631.7	575.9	752.7	533.6	719.1	413.0	629.5	516.2	757.5

Rank since 1914: 2nd warmest, 54th driest

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27	
Lake Temperature	19°	20°	26°	27°	*June & Annual record
Lake Level Change	-2.5cm	-1cm	0cm	-2cm	
Surface Elevation	116.35	116.34	116.34	116.32	

June began warm and dry, then cooled off with occasional showers until the 13th. Then the sun came out and temperatures climbed to record values by the end of the month. Not only was a new high temperature set for June, but also an annual all time record on the 28th. The month ended up being the 2nd warmest June ever.

Lake water temperatures also rose quickly, and by the end of the month were sitting at levels usually seen in mid-July.



Flashback: Kinsol Trestle Opening-July 2011

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Tips for community summer safety

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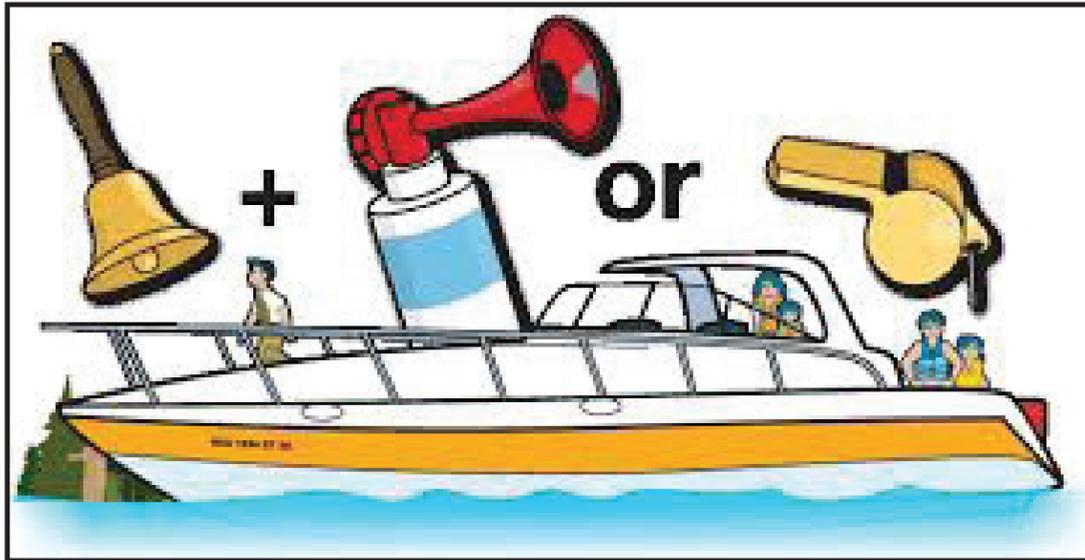
B.C. is looking forward to the easing of COVID-related restrictions in early July, which means we can enjoy the long and lazy days of summer in the company of family and friends. To ensure a safe and happy summer vacation we remind you that most accidents are preventable. Working together, we must put a stop to the sort of behaviours that lead to pain, suffering and tragedy. To this end the RCMP would like to outline a few safety precautions for a happy and healthy summer break.

Pedestrians:

Do not assume you have the right of way! Try to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the road. While walking, do not become distracted by looking at, or texting, on your mobile phone. Avoid wearing headphones. Stay alert until you have safely reached the other side. At night wear brightly coloured clothing and/or, a reflective arm/leg band and carry a flashlight. Never dart out from between parked cars.

Drivers:

Buckle Up! Slow Down! Be aware of a higher concentration of children, pets and cyclists on our sidewalks and roads. Give them a wide berth. In general, expect the unexpected, particularly in busy neighbourhoods, swim-



ming sites, parks, pools, and places people gather.

Preventing Break-Ins – Home/Cottages: Close all windows, especially those on ground level, and keep doors locked when not in the house. Secure patio sliding doors by fitting a snap resistant cylinder lock. Lock sheds with a padlock. Close your drapes at night. Do not leave valuables where they can be seen. Join your neighbourhood Block Watch where available.

Preventing Break-Ins – Vehicles:

Close your vehicle windows, including sunroofs when not in the car. Never leave your vehicle unlocked. Activate the alarm system. Park in a well lit spot away from bushes and overhanging trees. Never leave valuables, including spare change, where they can be seen. Keep all valuables in

the trunk. Report suspicious persons and occurrences to the RCMP – Shawnigan Lake RCMP 250-743-5514

Boating:

Here in the Cowichan Valley, boaters are spoiled, with Shawnigan Lake and Lake Cowichan attracting a multitude of people to their waterways. Make sure that you know the CVRD regulations that apply to boating, as well as, safe and responsible boating practices.

RCMP recommends the following tips to be safe on the water this summer:

- ★ Never operate a boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- ★ Always make sure everyone on board, even experienced swimmers, are wearing life jackets.
- ★ Always bring emergency

supplies, such as maps, food, clothing, and a cell phone.

- ★ Always check the weather forecast before going on the water. Changing weather conditions can be extremely dangerous.
- ★ Always plan and know your boating itinerary and share it with a friend or family member. Should an emergency occur, you can be found quickly.
- ★ Know the rules of boating whether it be in a powered or non-powered vessel.

Recreational lake users should be aware of these major complaints from residents on Shawnigan Lake:

- ★ Disregard for, or lack of knowledge of, the Boating Laws, Rules and Regulations

- ★ Reckless boating, including not wearing life jackets.
- ★ Alcohol use by those driving boats.
- ★ Noise from boats, including noisy engines.
- ★ Loud music coming from rental cottages.
- ★ Boats coming in too close to shore and endangering swimmers, fishermen and other lake users.

Fire Smart:

Adopt a no tolerance attitude towards the improper disposal of smoking material; tossing cigarettes from vehicles (penalty under Wildfire Act is \$575); mishandling of burning substances; illegal use of open fire. As well, be aware of the possibility of spontaneous combustion occurring when storing oil/petroleum soaked clothes or rags in the garage or around the house. The time has come for Block Watch captains and volunteers to be vigilant about fire. Please report any fire regardless of size to BC Wildfire Service at 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone. Report suspicious behaviour in relation to fire to the RCMP.

South Cowichan Community Policing Advisory Society and the Cowichan Community Policing & Engagement Society would like to wish you a safe and carefree summer. If you would like to reach our office, please call 250-929-7222 or 250-597-1710.

Book Review

Marcy Green
Shawnigan Focus

Black Water

David A. Robertson
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I first heard of David A. Robertson on the CBC radio program, “The Next Chapter”,

hosted by Shelagh Rogers. The man’s voice caught my attention with its warmth and intelligence. The two sounded like old friends which made for a lively conversation. They were discussing Robertson’s latest award-winning books, which included this memoir as its centrepiece.

I went out that day and

bought it, and a helpful bookstore employee brought me two more of his books, which had also been mentioned. Rogers referred to the children’s picture-book, “On the Trapline” as one that had, “been solace during these hard times”, referring to the residential school discoveries of unmarked children’s graves.

She was right. This second book is simple, and beautifully illustrated, about a boy going out to the land with his Mosham (grandfather).

The third book is a Young Adult (YA) book about two Indigenous foster children, discovering a Narnia-type portal which leads them out into an arctic landscape inhabited by magical animals who led them on adventures to cultural awareness.

But back to the main book. “Black Water. This book is a biographical story about the author’s search for a reconnection with his Cree father and his Indigenous heritage.

Brought up unaware that he was half Cree, Robertson is

eventually told that this was done deliberately so that he and his siblings could escape the discrimination his father had to deal with growing up.

As his connection with his father grows, they go together to the Norway House Cree reserve in Manitoba, where his father grew up, and spent most of the year with family on a traditional trapline.

As he tells this story of returning, Robertson also incorporates the difficult stories of his grandmother, who went to a residential school and rarely talked about it, and how this impacted generations to come. He tells of feeling like an outsider, all his life, until he began to reconnect with his Cree culture. And we feel his sadness in not being given the language and the teachings when he was young.

The irony of this is that his father went on to become an established figure in Cree and Indigenous education, and was very regretful at the lack of this learning for his children.

The narrative goes back and forth between past and present, growing stronger as the father and son make the journey by small plane, car and boat to the northern wilderness. The poignancy of seeing his father’s return after 70 years is beautifully written and very moving.

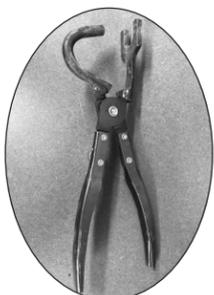
Somehow these three books go together very well, all celebrating one’s need for belonging and connection. I would recommend reading all of them.

After finishing them, I saw Robertson on the National news, and was impressed at how proudly he spoke of being Cree, and how he wore his identity so comfortably, speaking on behalf of Indigenous people. What a personal journey he has travelled.

Recommended for those trying to learn about an Indigenous point of view, and for those who love the universality of mending a parent-child relationship.

Rating: 5/5 stars

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E.J. Hughes at Shawnigan Lake

Robert Amos
Artist & Author

Artist E. J. Hughes moved to Shawnigan Lake in 1951 and, four years later, he bought a boat. In a letter to his sister Zoe on October 4, 1955, he described it: “we have a little one-cylinder boat called BURMA...It’s not fast, but I think you will enjoy it if we (or Mum and Dad) take you for some cruises around the lake to the village.”

In 1956, Hughes painted a picture of the boat tied up at the Shawnigan Village wharf. “For many years,” his friend Pat Salmon wrote, “this little clinker-built boat was the only means of transportation Hughes owned. He and Fern would motor down to Shawnigan Village once a week for their mail and other supplies.” Fern enjoyed steering while Hughes relaxed and contemplated the scenery.

Hughes sent the painting, Village Wharf (1956), to the Dominion Gallery in Montreal, with an explanation. It was, he said “a ‘portrait’ of a little boat we purchased last summer. It is particularly handy for going to the village since we have no car, and usually walk. On the bow is the name ‘Burma’. I will have to find out from the former owner what it stands for (girl’s name

or location) as we are just leaving it on. Sometimes I just go out on the lake in it, to get a fine view of the landscape, and cruise in among the picturesque islands – there is some fine future sketching material there.”

The painting, done from memory, was sold to the National Gallery of Canada in 1957. When critic Joan Lowndes saw it in 1967, she wrote in the Vancouver Province: “The Vancouver Art Gallery has performed an important service in assembling its retrospective of E. J. Hughes. He has become a kind of West Coast myth, a shy man living on Vancouver Island...Suddenly as you step into the large Emily Carr Gallery, you are overwhelmed by the strength of the artist’s forms, by the supernatural quality of his light, and by the intensely personal nature of his vision.”

Years later, Hughes told Pat Salmon that, on occasion, he was surprised to find himself enjoying Burma all too much and, for the sake of his art, he decided that he had to stop boating for pleasure. Burma was sold in 1958.

Robert Amos is the official biographer of E. J. Hughes. His recent book, *The E. J. Hughes Book of Boats*, is nominated for this year’s Bill Duthie B. C. Bookseller’s Award.



The only real failure in life is the failure to try. ~ George Bernard Shaw

Book Review

Marcy Green
Shawnigan Focus

Book of Boats

Author, Robert Amos

By Marcy Green

When you were a child, did you love picture books? Do you love boats and local history? If, like me, you say yes to all of these, have I got a book for you!

I was fortunate enough to attend a Zoom talk, on June 24th, put on by the Shawnigan Lake Museum. It featured well-known artist and writer, Robert Amos. His talk to about 30 + attendees was just a delight. (If this talk is repeated by the Museum, I urge you to take advantage and sign up. Check their website for upcoming events)

Amos is a wonderful storyteller, giving us just enough information about the celebrated local painter E. J. Hughes, and his background, to provide context for the colourful and vibrant picture-slides from the book.

Many of my favourites were discussed. I grew up in Nanaimo when the old Princess boats were still operating, and remember the small gillnetters

tied up at the local Government dock. Amos told us how Hughes would visit the scenes and meticulously draw what he saw. Often, he wouldn’t do the painting until years later, but his colour notes and sketches produced the stunning paintings that have become so well-loved and popular over the years.

I bought this book for my husband for Christmas and we have both enjoyed the paintings and the easy reading format. There’s a painting on one page and a written account on the page opposite. Simple, clear and wonderfully written, with just enough information to bring the picture to life.

Fortunately for all of us, the Museum has been able to reopen, and has copies for sale of this outstanding book. Top marks for both the Zoom talk and the book. And kudos to the Museum’s Curator and Executive Director, Lori Treloar, for organizing this event.

Oh, and while you’re buying your book from the Gift Shop, don’t forget to visit the unique E. J. Hughes Gallery and see original sketches and belongings of the artist, donated to the Museum.

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The Malahat Legion 134



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Volunteers across Canada make the Quilts of Valour to give to our veterans. If you are interested in nominating a Veteran for a quilt, please visit their website. www.quilt-sofvalour.ca.

As part of their mini fundraiser ride, the Military Police National Motorcycle Relay dropped in on June 26th. Isabelle Hammer, President of the Legion, presented them with a cheque for \$250.00 which will go to the Military Police Fund for Blind Children.

All proceeds from our next on-line auction, starting July 4th, and will be running for one week only will be going to the Military Police Fund for Blind Children. Items will be available on our website. Please check out our Facebook page or our website. www.Malahatlegion.ca.

The Legion is still under construction. Lots of work is going on. The bar reno is proceeding as planned AND a full building flooring project is also being done at the same time as the bar.

Be on the look-out for the notice of our Grand Re-Opening. It will be posted on the notice board outside and on our website and Facebook.

Gloria Solley Malahat Legion

Facebook: Royal Canadian Legion br 134

Web: <https://malahatlegion.ca>

On June 19th, Fran and Helen from the YSAGS quilting group presented Isabelle Hammer, President of the

Malahat Legion Br 134 with a beautiful quilt. Fran thanked Isabelle for the support that the Legion has been giving to YSAGS. Isabelle was surprised and honoured to receive the Legion quilt from YSAGS.

Looks like the ladies, Fran, Helen and all the YSAGS Quilters at the Malahat



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Department members attended 24 incidents in June

- ★ Friday, June 4 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, June 5 - Assistance off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, June 6 - MVI on Fitzgerald Rd
- ★ Monday, June 7 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Thursday, June 10 - Mutual Aid Structure Fire w/Mill Bay Fire Dept
- ★ Saturday, June 12 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Thursday, June 17 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Saturday, June 19 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, June 21 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Tuesday, June 22 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, June 22 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, June 24 - Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, June 24 - Assistance off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Thursday, June 24 - Hydro Lines on Baldy Mountain Rd
- ★ Friday, June 25 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, June 25 - 1st Responder off Heald Rd
- ★ Friday, June 25 - Burning Complaint on Oldham Rd
- ★ Sunday, June 27 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- ★ Sunday, June 27 - Assistance off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Sunday, June 27 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Monday, June 28 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Monday, June 28 - Mutual Aid Aviation Incident w/Mill Bay Fire Dept
- ★ Tuesday, June 29 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Tuesday, June 29 - 1st Responder off McKean Rd

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ★ **Area B Director's meetings with Sierra Acton**
Email sacton@cvrld.bc.ca
- ★ **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)**
Contact: bburr@shaw.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Basin Society**
Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: info@shawniganbasinsociety.org
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: blog.ysag.ca - email: ysagssl@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
Open: 10:30 to 3:30 - Wed to Sunday (Masks required)
Contact: shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca ~ www.shawniganlakemuseum.com
- ★ **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**
Contact: 250-929-7222 - www.southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca
- ★ **Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134**
Saturday Meat Draw 3:00-5:00pm. Contact: Gloria_gsolley@shaw.ca
- ★ **South Cowichan Healthcare Aux.** every second Tuesday from 1 -2pm. at Mill Bay Community League Hall. southcowichanhealthcareaux@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Quilters** - Wed. 9-2 at Lion's Hall (former Sylvania School)
- ★ **Note:** Covid restrictions may affect regular meetings. Check before you go...

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To Sangeeta Parmar who correctly identified last month's photo as the new parking lot adjacent to the Community Centre

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The 10 Rights of Reconciliation – Part 2



Jared Qwustenuxun Williams,
Elder's Chef, Writer, & Cowichan Tribes member

6. The right to practice our culture

Sometimes we will disappear for a few days. Sometimes we will start singing for what looks like no reason. Sometimes we'll say something like, "I can't share that for cultural reasons." These are just a few of the outward pieces of our culture that we show to people that we befriend. If we tease you relentlessly or give you a funny nickname, chances are we really care about you. But when we say we can't share something we mean it, so please don't keep asking.

7. The right to not have to educate

Many have experienced trauma as a direct result of colonialism. If someone shares their story it is our duty as people of the new world to listen with an open mind and know that there are parts of every

story that cannot be understood. Do not expect us to answer every question or to go out of our way to educate people on what it's like to be us. It's not the duty of the wounded to educate the well.

8. The right to not absolve white guilt or white frailty

Don't ask if you can wear that Pocahontas costume. Don't ask if the Cleveland Indians logo is alright. Don't ask what we think about cultural appropriation. Don't ask if you can wear a war bonnet or some moccasins. No one can speak for all of our people; we can only speak for ourselves. You wouldn't ask a black person if you could call them the N word. If you would, then you should stop.

9. The right to be imperfect

I don't drink, I don't do drugs, I don't get angry, I have a strong work ethic, I have a dedicated family life, I am dressed well, I am educated, I am humble, and I am on time and punctual. Because to do the opposite of any one of these things is to give into stereotypes, and when that happens, even if it's just one thing, we lose all credibility. That's not fair. I go to parties where wealthy non-indigenous people get rip roaring drunk and make fools of themselves. But their credibility remains untarnished. We do the same and we are quickly viewed as drunks. Stereotypes blur our view of each other, but more than that, they trap us.

10. The right to be disconnected

If someone doesn't know about their culture, their language, or their family, they are not any less indigenous. Many first nations people are urban Indians, who are cut off from their roots, were caught in the 60's scoop, or went to residential school. We are lucky these people even survived. Let's not question their identity any more than they already have. Support them, and help them be who they are, whatever that means.

As I said, in one of those points up there, "No one can speak for all our people, we can only speak for ourselves." So, I make these claims, but they are only my idea of what the rights of reconciliation may look like. Regardless, we have come to a time where the only road forward is together. We have so much to learn from each other and so much to share. But, before we can walk this road, we have to first learn what it means to treat each other with dignity and respect.

Huy tseep q'u nu siiyeyu,

Facts

- ★ As late as the 1950's first nations people could be charged, imprisoned, killed, or have their cultural items confiscated for practicing almost any form of their culture.
- ★ As late as the 1960's first nations people were not allowed to ride on the passenger deck of the B.C. Ferries and were instead forced to stay on the lower vehicle deck.
- ★ As late as the 1970's first nations people were segregated to the gallery seating in the Duncan Theatre.
- ★ As late as the 1980's if a first nations person became a lawyer, doctor, or received a PHD, they'd lose their "Indian Status"
- ★ As late as the 1990's, residential schools still operated in Canada.

Hul'q'umi'num words

Sqe'uq – Younger Sibling

Shuyulh – Older Sibling

Shwumniqw – Aunt/Uncle

Silu - Grand Parent

Huy tseep q'u nu siiyeyu, - Thank you my friends

NO OPEN BURNING!!!

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