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E.J. HUGHES AT SHAWNIGAN LAKE



Robert Amos *Shawnigan Focus*

Artist E. J. Hughes and his wife Fern lived on Shawnigan Lake from 1951 until 1974. Their home was near Strathcona Lodge School, a private school for girls, located in a lodge which had been built in 1900 as a resort destination. It was situated on a pleasant bay on the east side of Shawnigan Lake.

In her 2009 catalogue for the Nanaimo Art Gallery exhibition, Jane Cole wrote: “Hughes and Fern enjoyed living on the lake, and they especially appreciated the activ-

ity of the students next door at Strathcona Lodge School. Hughes recollected how he used to sit by his window overlooking the water, and sometimes a drawing class would go out on the float. “They’d see me there and wave up – there were all those graceful arms, kind of cute you know,” he recalled.

Fern and Hughes befriended a teacher at the school, Mrs. J. E. M. Porter. “He had a nice relationship with Julie Porter,” Pat Salmon told me. “She was a teacher at the Strathcona Lodge school and she would bring up the girls to visit. She knew Fern, so that was sort

of a nice group they had.” Salmon interview 12.30.2014

On September 10, 1961, Victoria’s Daily Colonist published a perceptive article written by Julie Porter. The headline ran “In a Hideaway Home at Shawnigan Lake, An Artist Paints his Way to Fame” and Porter introduced her subject: “Edward Hughes is one of the few painters in BC who lives by his art. He is a slightly built man of five feet and eleven inches with a fresh complexion and extremely candid and intense blue eyes, that sometimes have an expression of the far-seeing plainmen or sailor, and some-

times the quality of a dreamer and idealist. A very kind man, and mild, he seems, but there is, one feels, fire within.”

“He and his wife, Fern, live in a little country house on the shore of Shawnigan Lake. There are a few flowers around and some lilac trees; otherwise, maples, dogwoods, willows and firs surround the house. They are allowed to press closely to muffle sounds from the roadway, beach and girl’s school nearby.”

On a summer day, in 1963, Hughes anchored his motorboat in the middle of Shawnigan Lake. There he made a

drawing which became the basis of his oil painting Old Baldy Mountain, Shawnigan Lake. The Strathcona Lodge School is clearly visible, its red roofs and white gables standing out beneath the peak of Old Baldy Mountain. The Galley, a snack bar with gas dock and mooring for boats, is on the right of the picture and the Hughes house was beyond the left margin of this painting

Old Baldy Mountain, Shawnigan Lake (1963). Oil on canvas, 61 x 91.4 cm). On loan from the Barbeau Foundation to the Audain Museum, Whistler.

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Shawnigan Trail truths

Ian Anderson
Opinion

1. Putting the proposed trail in Sections 3-4-5 is fundamentally flawed because of the environmental damage required to build it and the ensuing leaching of fine sand from the trail in this riparian area. The Shawnigan Basin Society's 130 page report confirms this. Protect It
2. Mr. Brian Farquhar, Manager of Parks and Trails, has failed to explain to those pushing for the trail that you will only be able to legally access the proposed trail to the Old Mill Park at either end. The Island Corridor Foundation insists that this trail would be

considered a limited access railway "crossing". THAT MEANS YOU CAN ONLY LEGALLY GET ON THE TRAIL AT THE GOVERNMENT WHARF OR 2 KMS SOUTH AT THE OLD MILL PARK. Those people with property adjacent to the track have been told that if they want to go across the PROPOSED trail to their waterfront property they have to walk down Heald Rd to Thrush Road avoiding trucks backing boat trailers to and from the boat launch and enter the trail to go to the Old Mill Park. NO legal access occurs where Baden Powell, Norbury Road, Elford

Road and therefore Munsie and Lavinia Road exists. The Ski Club has their own private crossing of the tracks.

3. To turn a blind eye to all the illegal use of the tracks by approximately 40% of the citizens of the North East Shawnigan Lake area shows that the CVRD's thinking is that the train will never run again. Again, a flawed assumption on their part.
4. In more than half of the areas in Sections 4-5, it is too narrow to build a 3.5m wide trail on the lakeside because of the winter high water mark. Repeated requests from both adjacent property owners and the trail enthusiasts

to explore putting the trail on the East side has never had a response from Mr. Farquhar as to exactly why that cannot be done as has been done with Sections 1 & 2. A lot fewer mature trees would have to be removed and it is further away from the winter shoreline. Similar problems exist in the Nanaimo Regional District and they have wisely chosen to just not build a trail where it cannot be done properly. In our case, the track bed forms a dike that is holding back a lot of sediment from entering the lake because of the lack of a proper storm drain system in the Village and south to Strathcona

Bay. Save It

5. The sixteen property owners with properties along the tracks are being accused of not wanting to share the track bed with hikers, bikers, motorcycles, trucks and other zany methods of riding the rails. Far from the truth. Most of us also believe that the train will not run again on tracks unless elevated so therefore 90% of us are in favor of putting the trail on the track bed and giving the Island Corridor Foundation the option of taking it back if they ever get a business case to operate train service. Only one of us wants the train back again. Love It

A rebuttal to Glenn White's story - Rail trail and the E&N right of way

Stu Cameron
Opinion

In the August Focus, Glenn White wrote a story about the future rail trail between Old Mill Park and the government dock. He made reference to the E&N right of way but didn't explain what that means. The E&N right of way is the land measured from the centre of the tracks, 50' on either side. The plan is to build the trail on

the water side of the tracks. The problem is, there is no land. The majority of the year it is under flood water and, in some years the water has come right onto the tracks.

Some of this area is a riparian zone and the plan is to remove the natural plants and bring in fill to create land for the trail. Environmental laws prohibit the alteration of a shoreline and for good reason. Aside from the

obvious loss of habitat for the animals that live there, the natural plant's roots are the only water filtration the lake has to combat the influx of sewage and pollution that we put into it.

Shawnigan is a water supply for many homes and that water needs to be protected. I find it ironic that last month's focus also included a nice story from

the Shawnigan basin society about the importance of riparian zones.

The obvious question that I hear constantly is why not just use the dilapidated rail bed like the Kinsol Trestle? This would save a lot of taxpayers money and leave the shoreline intact.

The answer to that might be seen here, <https://watershed-sentinel.ca/articles/vancouver-island-land-grab/> It's an inter-

esting story about a sweetheart land grant and mineral rights deal in exchange for building the railway that happened back in the late 1800s.

I'm personally in favor of a trail on the existing dilapidated railbed. But I ask everyone, including waterfront homeowners and trail planners, please don't destroy the foreshore and sensitive riparian zone and add fill to our watershed.

Re: 'Rail Trail'

Deborah Leskiw
Opinion

I am not certain if you are receiving only negative comments regarding the possible third section to the 'Rail Trail' from Gov Wharf Park to Old Mill Park.

Just wanted to let you know that my husband (Gary Leskiw) and I are FOR the trail. We were delighted to

see the first part done...and the second section, too! We do not live on the lake and would welcome the expansion. We use the Gov Wharf Park often to launch our paddle boards and kayaks.

It has been our experience that sometimes it appears there are many 'naysayers' and the 'silent majority' are too quiet. So, thought I (we) would speak up!



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What does systemic racism look like?

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Let me tell you a story. Once upon a time there was a nation of people who lived along a river. The river gave them everything they needed. It was their transportation - with it, they could transport large amounts of goods a long way. It quenched their thirst. For over ten thousand years, this nation drank from the river. It gave them spiritual cleansing, the power to connect with their environment since their first ancestor bathed in the river. But, maybe most importantly, it fed the people. This river supplied enough food to feed their civilization. Enough food could be harvested that the people could spend their time specializing on non-food harvesting tasks. The people engineered magnificent weirs that could enhance their ability to harvest food from the river. They mastered the art of dugout canoe making and could spread their wealth farther from the mouth of the river. The river fed their bodies, their minds, their nation, and their spirits. All the river asked for in return was respect. And for over a decamillennium their civilization prospered with unimaginable wealth.

But then, hwulunitum' arrived and set up their colonies alongside the river that the tribe had looked after for so long. Soon the settlers' villages became so big that they started surrounding the river nation's villages. The hwulunitum' sent out ships that caught all the food before it went up the river. They sent



Catalyst Pump house on the Cowichan River Duncan B.C.

men into the mountains to cut down the biggest trees. They blew up the river's great sacred waterfall to send massive logs down the river. Soon the hwulunitum' forbade the river nation from building their weirs, blaming the river people's weirs for low fish stocks. The hwulunitum' built their houses so far from the river that they put massive pipes into the river to take the water to their houses. Being so new to the land, the hwulunitum' couldn't see the river suffer and, before long, they forgot about the river people all together.

This is the story of the Cowichan River and the Quw'utsun Mustimuhw

Let me throw some facts at you, just so that it can really sink in. In the summer, when it gets hot the Cowichan River

can flow at 6 cubic meters per second. But the pump house in this picture has a license to pull up to 2.2cms. Yeah, about that license...it's granted to Catalyst, the people who own the mill, the pump house, and the dam, from the Province. That's right, a settler government sells a corporation the right to the water in the Cowichan River, and the Quw'utsun Mustimuhw are all but ignored. Our tribe only recently got a small water license for a creek that runs beside the river, and even then, the courts are trying to dispute it. They tell us we're lucky because they only pump

about 1.3 - 1.8 cubic meters per second, instead of their full 2.2 cms. Keep in mind that 1.8cms is 108,000 liters per minute! About the quantity of 2,000 cups of coffee A SECOND! Check the water levels yourself,

https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/google_map/google_map_e.html...

So, in the end of the story the river nation, in this case Cowichan, has no legal right to its river. Currently, the north fork of the Quw'utsun Sta'lo' no longer reaches the ocean. What remains of our salmon stocks are decimated

in the estuary because there is not enough water for them to come up the river. Low salmon stocks have killed our crabs, eroded our river banks, and left our wildlife and our people starving. Logging has culled our sacred creeks, destroyed our watershed, and desecrated our sacred bathing sites. Now the most sacred plant in our culture, the cedar tree, is set to dry up and disappear from the Cowichan Valley in the next 60 years, due to lack of water and climate change.

Systemic racism isn't all police brutality and pipelines. It's anytime when the legal deck is stacked against an entire people. Anytime a system ignores the truth because of its colour. And in the case of the river nation, systemic racism still currently allows the hwulunitum' to turn a blind eye to the true owners of the river, the Quw'utsun Mustimuhw.

As always, thank you for taking time to learn how the world looks from indigenous eyes.

Huy tseep q'u siem nu siye'yu

"Some do it for the vanity, the fortune, or the fame, I do it for the ones who've been praying for a change."
- Leonard Sumner

Hwulunitum' - Non first nations people

Mustimuhw - People
Quw'utsun - Cowichan
Sta'lo' - River

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Mary Patricia (Tricia) Cadorette

February 11 1938 -
January 28 2018

Janet Neilsen

I met Tricia 37 years ago when she made the beautiful green velvet Maid of Honour dress that I wore at Jacque Cadorette's wedding. This dress has now been donated to the Shawnigan Museum along with several other gorgeous dresses that Tricia designed and sewed.

It truly was an honour to meet a woman who was a Couture, and I loved her clothing.

Tricia was born in Warrington England. She took her training to become a fashion designer at the Leeds College

of Technology. Tricia was appointed head designer to three British fashion houses. She also taught fashion and design at Newton de Willows College in England.

After moving to Canada in 1964, Tricia taught Fashion Design at Malaspina College in Duncan and Nanaimo. "Tricia Originals" was the name of her business. One-of-a-kind designs were her specialty.

The Fashion Shows that Tricia held showed us her love of sewing with wools and linens and silks.

Tricia told me that on her holidays she would buy fabulous fabrics from the U. K. to bring home. Tricia Originals designs were timeless, and elegant, and I was

one of the lucky ones that Tricia chose to model her beautiful clothing in 1985 and 1986.

Tricia also sewed costumes for Langham Court Theatre in Victoria and Choir gowns for QMS (a school in Duncan that her daughter Simone attended).

Tricia's sister-in-law Jacque decided to donate some of Tricia's clothing to the Shawnigan Players and the Shawnigan Lake Museum. Tricia would have been delighted that this has happened as she loved going to the Theatre with her husband Raymond.

Jacque asked if I would help her with an Event Sale of Tricia Originals which took place on August 24-25. All proceeds went to the Cowichan Hospice, and anything that didn't sell was donated to Cowichan Mental Health. The sale raised just over \$1200.





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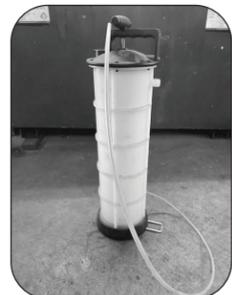
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Book Review

Marcy Green
Shawnigan Focus

What Was Said to Me - The Life of Sti'tum'atul'wut, a Cowichan Woman

Ruby Peter In collaboration with Helene Demers

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This is an important book about a remarkable woman.

Ruby Peter (Cowichan Name, Sti'tum'atul'wut) accomplished more in her 88 years than most people.

She was a language keeper, responsible for helping people revitalize the Coast Salish language of Hul'q'umi'num by developing a written dictionary and helping to develop educational programs for teaching the language. She received two doctorates for her achievements.

This book was recorded in nine sessions and transcribed by her co-author. What is so appealing is that we hear Ruby speaking in her own way, telling story after story. There is a circling repetition, which at first, surprised me, and then drew me in. It was like listening to a grandmother teaching important lessons, which, I believe, was her intention.

The premise of the book, besides telling her life story, was to recount what she was taught from girlhood about her culture and her particular role. She speaks of her designation as a Rattler and a Dancer but, other than the deep significance of taking on these roles, she does not give away the actual rituals, as they are sacred and known only to a few.

Ruby's stated goal was "to live our culture, walk with pride and share with others, as this does not belong only to us." She believed in hard work, setting goals and lifelong learning. As well, she was a devoted mother and grandmother, taking on many foster children and devotedly looking after her Elders. She played a large role in her community as a Cowichan Tribes band member, always in service to others. What an inspiration she was!

Her personal story also touched me. Her background was farming, and hard physical work was something she experienced from an early age.

She went to an Indian Day School in Duncan, forbidden to speak her language by the nuns. She describes sitting in the far reaches of the grounds telling stories to the younger

children in her native language.

After leaving school, she worked for the Sisters of St. Ann in the kitchen, learning to cook and can, and other useful skills. She speaks of her close relationship with them and with the local priest, who helped to build her house.

Her observations of the different experiences people had going to Residential Schools is telling. She speaks of the personal tragedies in losing the culture and language, and how adrift it left those survivors. Several generations suffered through this time, and so she felt called to bring back the language to the young people.

Throughout her memoir, Ruby Peter remains humble and matter-of fact. Her marriage was troubled, and she speaks of the damaging effects alcohol had on her relationship. Some of the stories she tells are wrenching and yet she continues with her narrative, never sugar-coating.

Recommended for those who love history, a good story and who are trying to move forward with Reconciliation.

Rating: Almost impossible to put a number here. A unique read.

What's Inside the Museum?

Paige Henry
Shawnigan Lake Museum

From Pharmacy to Table: A Brief History of Soda

Soda might seem a modern product, but many of the best-known sodas have been enjoyed since Victorian times—albeit with different names and some questionable ingredients.

Today, soda is a source of health concerns due to its high sugar content, but it was once sold and consumed as a curative tonic. Before it was available in a plethora of flavours, it existed as mineral water, which was popular for its supposed medicinal properties. It was naturally carbonated thanks to the dissolved limestone in it, but eventually enterprising inventors discovered ways to reproduce the effect. The first was Joseph Priestly, who devised a method of producing carbonated water in 1767.

Throughout the 19th century, American pharmacies installed soda fountains,

where customers could purchase soda in an ever-expanding variety of flavours. It earned the name “soft drink” to distinguish it from hard liquor, for which it was said to be a healthier substitute.

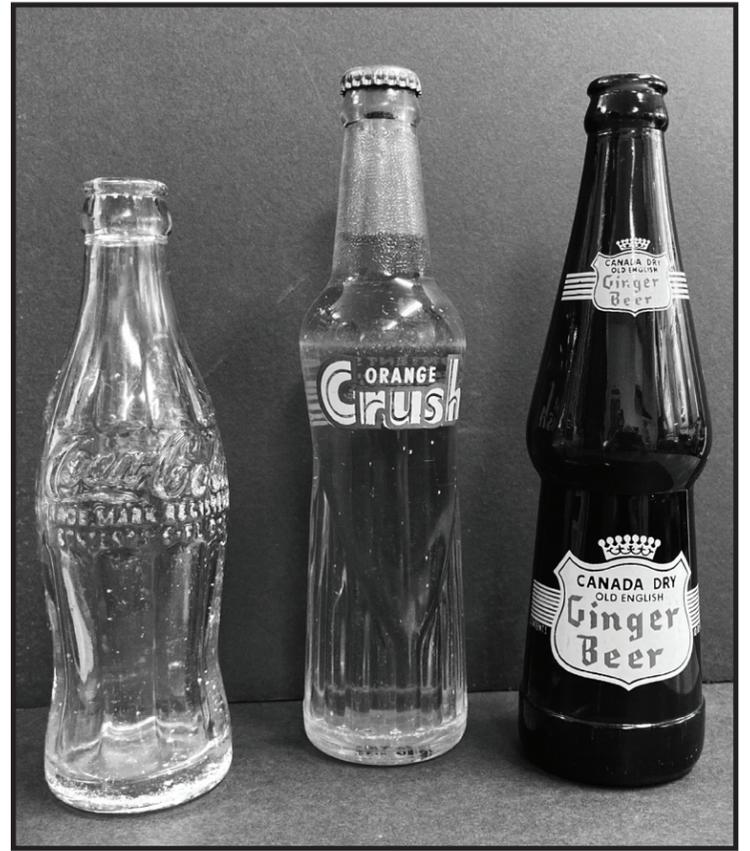
Sodas were advertised as cures for all manner of ailments, from headaches to indigestion. Whether or not they worked is a different matter—some of their ingredients were more dangerous than beneficial, the cocaine in early Coca-Cola being a notorious example. In fact, the drink was originally alcoholic, being based on a wine-and-cocaine concoction called coca wine or Vin Mariani after its inventor, Angelo Mariani. In the 1880s, John Pemberton produced a version with extract from the African kola nut, calling it “Pemberton’s French Wine Coca.” In 1886, prohibition laws led him to substitute sugar syrup for the wine. It was then that he changed the name to Coca-Cola.

7 Up, created in 1929,

featured another dangerous drug: lithium citrate, which was used as a treatment for depression and other mental health conditions. “Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda,” as it was first called, contained this ingredient until it was banned in 1948. The origin of the name “7 Up,” adopted in 1936, is not known for sure, but the soda’s original seven ingredients is one theory.

Ginger ale was more benign, originating from the lightly alcoholic ginger beer. While a non-alcoholic version appeared in Ireland as early as 1851, the first modern ginger ale was John McLaughlin’s Canada Dry, originally sold as McLaughlin Belfast Style Ginger Ale in 1890. It received its current name when McLaughlin started selling a revised recipe in 1907.

Orange Crush was invented in 1906 by J. M. Thompson, but Neil Ward later modified the recipe and formed the Orange Crush Company with Clayton Howell in 1916. First marketed as “Ward’s Orange Crush,” the



drink’s flavour originally came from oils extracted from orange peels (hence the name “Crush”). Orange may be the most iconic Crush flavour, but other early flavours included lemon, lime, and chocolate.

By now, soda has lost its pharmaceutical associations and is simply consumed as an enjoyable drink. It goes to show that history exists in unexpected places, including our refrigerators.

Cowichan River clean up

Glenn White
Shawnigan Resident

Thanks to the notice from the Shawnigan Lake Rotary Eco Club with its open invitation to participate and to support the annual clean up of the Cowichan River, which was organized and hosted by the Duncan Rotary Club and Cowichan Tribes. It reinforces that we can all work together to support our region and communities.

The event was well organized and included burgers, after the work was done of course. The river was divided into sectors with volunteers assigned to cover the sectors in the lower part of the river. Armed with both recycle bags, and garbage bags, a lot of stuff was removed from the river. Everything from shopping carts, old boat parts, the usual beer and pop cans/bottles and broken bottles as well.

I am always amazed that such a lovely and valuable river in our region is used as a garbage dump.

The river is already stressed by the low water levels which threaten the salmon runs this

year. But at least one sector of the river is cleaner for now and will give the fish a chance to make it safely, and litter free, when they come to make it up the river to spawn.

As one of the speakers at the event noted, we cannot count on the province and federal governments to look after our river and help to rehab it. That job falls on us who live in the Cowichan Valley to take care of it. We can each pack out our empties and assorted garbage and paraphernalia from our visit, rather than dumping it in the river or on the shoreline. It is up to us to ensure that we keep our rivers and lakes as garbage free as possible for future generations to enjoy and cherish.

All it takes is to simply bring home the stuff you brought in and dispose of it in an appropriate manner. There is money in those beer and pop cans. The other refuse is easily disposed of in garbage cans or compost bins. This will go a long way to protecting and preserving our rivers and lakes, as well as our wonderful walking / biking trails.

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On Sunday, August 22nd, The Malahat Legion hosted a Community Tailgate & Table Flea Market. It was so well received we will be doing another one. Mark your calendar.

Sunday, September 12th 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The Malahat Legion is starting to plan for future events. We are now open Fridays and Saturdays from 1:00 pm – 7:00

pm. and the Galley is open from 11:00 – 6:00 pm. We will be following the new (old) Covid rules. Masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces. Reminder that after September 13th everyone will be required to show their proof of vaccination...

Meat Draws happen every Saturday from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Hourly & Half Hour draws and a 50/50 draw at 5:00 pm. (Meat is supplied by Thriftys.) Happy Hour from 3 – 5 pm

All monies raised at the Saturday meat draws must be put in our Gaming Account. Local non-profit charities must apply in writing for a donation, stating

why and where the money will be spent. Charities can email us with their request for help at rcl134@shaw.ca

Our bottle drives will continue on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. until further notice. Special thanks to our volunteers and the amazing community support for their donations. Remember all bottles and cans donated do not end up in the landfill.

The Legion is only able to provide activities with the help of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us. Check our Facebook page and website for dates that YSAG, other clubs and darts & pool schedules are set up.

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- ★ Sunday, Aug 1 – Burning Complaint on Pillow Rd
- ★ Saturday, Aug 7 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Aug 8 - 1st Responder off Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Sunday, Aug 8 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Sunday, Aug 8 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Aug 8 – Burning Complaint on Orme Rd
- ★ Monday, Aug 9 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Aug 10 – Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Aug 11 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, Aug 12 – Burning Complaint on Northgate Rd
- ★ Thursday, Aug 12 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Friday, Aug 13 – Burning Complaint on Tall Tree Ln
- ★ Friday, Aug 13 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Aug 14 – Burning Complaint on Pinder Pl
- ★ Saturday, Aug 14 – Burning Complaint on Memory Island
- ★ Sunday, Aug 15 – Assistance on Baldy Mountain Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Aug 17 - 1st Responder off Silvermine Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Aug 18 – HazMat on Wallbank Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Aug 18 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Aug 18 – Burning Complaint on Robin Hill Dr
- ★ Wednesday, Aug 18 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Thursday, Aug 19 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Aug 21 - 1st Responder off Campbell Rd
- ★ Saturday, Aug 21 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Sunday, Aug 22 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Aug 25 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd



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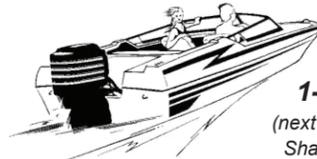
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Shawnigan Weather August 2021 - Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network ~ Reported by Grant Treloar

	August Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Average High	23.6	27.0	25.1	26.6	24.6	25.7	23.9	26.1	23.6
Average Low	12.0	14.2	12.4	13.6	12.2	14.6	13.6	13.9	12.3
Extreme High	36.1	37.8	34.1	37.8	33.7	37.3	32.6	37.5	31.5
Extreme Low	3.3	9.1	8.3	8.9	7.4	10.7	9.8	9.0	8.5
Precipitation	27.9	4.5	29.9	3.5	24.6	4.3	28.2	4.2	26.4
Days w precip	6	2	6.0	2	6.0	2	6.0	2	7.0
Year Precip	682.8	582.9	765.3	537.1	756.5	417.0	672.9	520.4	796.5

Rank since 1914: 2nd warmest, 15th driest

	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29
Lake Temperature	26°	24°	25°	23°	26°
Lake level change	-2.5cm	-3.8cm	-3.8cm	-3.8cm	-3.8cm
Surface Elevation 1	116.04m	116.00m	115.96m	115.93	

The endless summer continued for August with only 2 days of rain and warmer than normal temperatures. So far since March there has been one-half of the normal rainfall. The lake level is at its lowest since 2018 for this time of year.

Thank-you to our community for working together and staying safe!



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We welcome the community to drop by the campus or sign up for a campus tour. Please call in advance.

Look forward to meeting you,

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Image: The students and faculty at SJA have something to cheer about! They've gathered to celebrate their IB achievement and look forward to sharing with you details about the IB program at SJA.