

CANADA DAY ACTIVITIES



Ensuring an Enjoyable and Safe July 1st Celebration

Doug Strachan Opinion

July 1st is an opportunity to not only celebrate

Canada as one of the greatest inclusive, respectful nations in the world, but to also celebrate one of the most beautiful places in the

world, Shawnigan Lake. One of the traditions unique to Shawnigan Lake is the multi skier pull where three ski boats start at the south end and

pull upward of 30 skiers to the north end, all the time flying Canadian flags. Many of us stand on our docks or along the shore and toast to the magic and beauty that is Shawnigan Lake as the ski boats and skiers go by, followed by a couple of safety boats to pick up fallen skiers.

Unfortunately, a safety issue has developed over the recent years that I think needs to be addressed if we plan to continue with this wonderful tradition. The safety issue that I speak of is the addition of multiple boats, be they big or small ski boats, wakeboard boats and surf boats, all trailing behind the safety boats as if in a parade or regatta. The waves become

organized behind these following boats very quickly and the result is often some of the largest waves ever seen on Shawnigan Lake. This makes the pickup of fallen skiers difficult and sometimes dangerous. I respectfully ask that boat owners who, in the past, have followed in line behind the safety boats, to refrain from doing so. By parking your boats off to the side, alongside the dock or on the shoreline you can still get a great view of the skiers and at the same time reduce the huge wave state, allowing for the fallen skier pick up to be easier and safer and, in the end, we will all be able to enjoy the celebration for years to come.

Royal Canadian Legion Malahat

CANADA DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 1st

G.J. Solley Malahat Legion

We are pleased to report that the Malahat Legion and Mill Bay Lions Club will once again be hosting our *Pancake Breakfast* from 8:30 – 11:00 am.

Cost is still \$6.00 per person for pancakes and sausages and coffee, cooked by the Lions Club. After the Pancake Breakfast, our Legion Colour Party will be raising the flag at the Legion.

The Shawnigan Lake Community Association Canada Day Parade will assemble at Cairn Park at 11:30 am and head to the Elsie Miles Park at noon. The parade will

be followed by a variety of fun family activities will take place at Elsie Miles Park until 3:00.

From 1:00 – 4:00 everyone is invited to return to the Malahat Legion for free Canada Day Cake and enjoy live music by the *Turnip the Beet*, South Cowichan's music jam. Not a member of our Legion, but would like to become one?

We are hosting a membership Drive – cost for the balance of 2022 is \$27.50. See Cdn. Ray Rovas from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Don't forget the Meat Draw & Bottle Dive will continue throughout the summer.

Commemorate Canada Day in Shawnigan Lake!

The fun starts with a
Pancake Breakfast
@ the Legion Hall
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Then the Parade!



@ 11:30 am
Parade participants
assemble at Cairn Park
(across from Fire Hall #1)
Children can join the Parade,
decorate your bike, scooter, wagon
and more. Its going to be fun!

Noon

Parade leaves Carin Park
passing through our village
on its way to Elsie Miles Park

Noon - 3:00 pm @ Elsie Miles Park

Family Fun, Live Entertainment, Games,
Food, Races, Prizes, and info booths.

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www.shawniganlakecommunityassociation.ca

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**The Shawnigan Lake Museum is open for Canada Day activities
Check it out! 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

Summer is coming - are you prepared to reduce your fire risk?

Sierra Acton
Area B Director

The warm weather seems to be finally here. Everyone is excited to enjoy our outdoor and summer activities. As much as we look forward to enjoying long summer days, the prospect of warm weather also brings anxiety around forest fires near and far. Firesmart is a program to educate homeowners on protecting their property and reducing their fire risk. The Cowichan Valley Regional District Firesmart Team, along with our local Fire department, are working hard to help educate residents on Firesmart principles and practices. I have helped organize two meetings in June for the community to learn from the

Firesmart team directly, with time for discussion and questions. I hope you will join us for this important information night.

Firesmart Information Townhalls

The presentation will be about making your homes and properties more resilient to the threat of fire.

Tuesday June 14th at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre at 7pm

Wednesday June 22nd at the Hub in Cowichan Station at 7pm

What's new at the CVRD

The continuous dumping of soil in South Shawnigan results in erosion that

contributes a significant amount of sediment into the lake during the rainy season. (On some days, the south end of the lake can even be seen to turn chocolate brown) All this sediment has an impact on water quality and increases the growth of vegetation in the lake, including the invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil (for information on Milfoil removal, please refer to thesra.ca/milfoil) This year, at the CVRD Board table, we were able to change the zoning to no longer permit soil dumping on forestry land. There are a few remaining permits in operation but moving forward we should be able to decrease the soil dumping activity considerably.

Currently, the Shawnigan Basin Society receives \$10k/year from the CVRD Watershed Protection Program for water testing and characterization. On-going testing and collection of this data is important for the program and it is also a valuable resource in better understanding the impacts of the current soil dumping. (Unfortunately, soil dumping cannot be completely prohibited, as it is a provincial matter, but the CVRD has tried to limit where it can occur)

There was a recent referendum topic approved by the CVRD Board regarding a switch to a Regional Recreation funding model. This will be coming to the polls in the fall. The CVRD

will be asking if you support a user-based funding model. There will be more information on this coming soon.

Planyourcowichan.ca is the hub for all community input on CVRD topics. The CVRD is looking for input on many topics, as we are a region that needs to be prepared to preserve, complement and sustain a viable future. (Expect community information to be mailed to your residence). Please connect if you would like help organizing a neighbourhood input session or if I can help in any way. Have a great summer Shawnigan Lake!

As always, happy to connect,
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South Cowichan Library

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LEGO® Club happens every Tuesday, 2-5pm. We provide the LEGO (and Duplo) and you provide the imagination. Come ready to build! This is a free, drop-in event best suited for children 6 to 12 years.

Family Storytime continues each Monday at 10:30am, until June 20, outside, at the Mill Bay Centre playground. Get ready for sunshine, stories, and songs! Registration for Summer Reading Club opens on Tuesday, June 21. The theme this year is All Together Now!

We're getting in some new book club sets. To check one

out, just bring in your book club library card. Or, let us know if you have any questions.

All the furniture is back, all the chairs and four public computers. Bring in a coffee and read the newspaper in one of our armchairs with a light therapy lamp glowing beside you.

Have you gotten a new device recently? Contact us to book a Tech One-on-One ap-

pointment for help setting up eBooks, digital audiobooks, or other library e-Resources.

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If you know someone unable to come into the library due to illness or injury, please let them know about our volunteer Home Delivery service. Books, audiobooks, and DVDs are delivered to your door every month.

The South Cowichan Library in the Mill Bay Centre is open: 10am - 8pm on Monday and Tuesday 10am - 5pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

Cowichan South Arts Guild

Jennie Stevens
CSAG Director

Organizations Play an Important Community Building Role

It isn't a new concept that those involved in volunteering and gathering with individuals for a common purpose often experience a deeper sense of belonging and pride in their community. Regular engagement with others illustrates the important role that local organizations can take in helping to build a sense of community. In our Valley's south end, Cowichan South Arts Guild is one such organization.

CSAG's first goal is to engage and to connect community members through the arts. Members are encouraged to get involved by participating and volunteering through short term/one off opportunities, or more regularly involved experiences. Both options provide an enjoyable way to meet and get to know others while benefiting from the satisfaction of contributing

and making a difference in one's community. A wide variety of opportunities and activities make it easy.

The Guild collaborates with other community groups to design a variety of events for all ages and facilitates arts programming for youth and adults. They offer Performing/Visual

arts Spotlights (bi-monthly) and Acoustic Jam Sundays (monthly).

CSAG's next Acoustic Jam (hosted by Cowichan Valley Grassroots Orchestra) is June 5th,

3:30-6:30pm (Stu Armour Hall, 1438 Fisher Rd) All skill levels are welcome to this encouraging atmosphere, guided by knowledgeable leaders.

Next Spotlight is Saturday June 11th at 7pm at SLCC features Ukes Misbehavin', a popular local music group. On Sunday June 12th, 2-4pm at the Elsie Miles Pavilion, Bryon Thompson leads a Sampler ukulele circle, encouraging all levels. Contact hello@cowichansoutharts-guild.com for more information

and to register.

CSAG wraps up regular activities for the summer with Fearless Friday Painters, Makers Circle and Sampler Workshops back in September! INSPIRE! Youth Arts offers a workshop Sunday, June 26th 1:30-4pm (Weaving Expressions) at Evergreen School, then offers art activities for children, Thursday evenings, at Cobble Hill's MUSIC IN THE PARK.

Website: cowichansouthartsguild.com
Participate! Volunteer!

Join and Build Community.

*Let me never fall
into the vulgar
mistake of dreaming
that I am
persecuted when-
ever I am contra-
dicted.*

*Ralph
Waldo Emerson*

Shawnigan Lake Museum

What's your Story?

You may not think your story is special, but it is a unique part of the bigger story of Shawnigan Lake. We encourage you to dig out one or more of your favourite stories, or best memories, of your life at the lake to submit to our 'Top 10 Stories of Shawnigan Lake' challenge.

My Shawnigan – I remember...

Deadline: July 22, 2022

Details:

- Maximum **500** words in Word Format. One photo per submission (optional)
- Multiple entries are permitted.
- No age limit
- Entries will be used by the Shawnigan Lake Museum to 'add to our history' and to 'create nostalgia'.
- Some, if not all, entries will be published in the Shawnigan Focus over time.
- A community panel will choose the Top 10 stories which will be put on display at the museum.
- The Top 10 stories will be announced in the August edition of the Shawnigan Focus
- To participate, email your Submissions to museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com

*The Top 10 story authors will receive
a gift from the museum.*

Questions? email us at
museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com

There Are Many Kinds Of Fire

Jared Qwustenuxun Williams

*Chef to Cowichan Elders,
Writer, Educator*

Not so long ago fire building was a necessary life skill. A skill that could make the difference between life and death. Knowing how to start, maintain, transport, or snuff out, a fire was required. After all it's how we kept warm, fed, and safe. Now we just turn on the stove or turn up the heat.

Smoking fish is a constant reminder of how versatile fire can be. "Only smoke and no flame," elders teach us as if it's that easy. Those words have burnt into my mind and every time I open the smokehouse door I hope for only smoke and no flame. But I'll tell you mastering the smokehouse smoulder is an art form, one that takes much practice. The right wood moisture, the right size wood, the ashes, the wind, it all plays an important role.

Or a Pi'qwun fire, the

fire where I roast salmon with the radiant heat. That's a whole different beast. I want a dry crisp heat and that takes a good coal bed and hardwood. Again, knowing how to build and maintain the Pi'qwun fire is literally half of making Pi'qwun Salmon. Sure you gotta know how to cut and butterfly the salmon onto ironwood sticks. But if you can't make and maintain the right cooking fire then you're gonna end up with dry overcooked salmon. Or in the worst case scenario you end up with raw patches in the fish.

Or a stone heating fire. These get used to heat stones for a pit oven, a bentwood box, or a sweat lodge. Even then these could be three different fires. But ensuring that there is a good coal base both below and above the stones is crucial. And knowing how to read the stones temperature in its colours. As well as knowing how to avoid cold spots in the fire where rocks may only be warm

on one side. Then knowing when it is time to use the stone, whether it's burying the pit over, putting the stone into the water to boil it, or bringing it into the lodge to make steam, it's all about reading the fire.

Then you've got a host of other more utility based fires. Like grass fires. We burn the grass off our field annually to combat wildfires and to put nutrients back into the soil. But knowing how and when to burn the field is a skill. You have to know when the grass is dry enough and the other plants are not too dry. You also have to watch the wind direction and velocity, a high wind in the wrong direction can be catastrophic. Heck, I even know how grass sounds and smells when it's ready to burn. It's just something you learn with your whole body.

Or simpler fires like the one I use to heat my home or the camp fire I build for the kids to roast marshmallows. All the way up to



the massive bonfires that burn up debris from our yard and farm waste.

I think the hardest fire I've ever built is one without a lighter or matches. Good ol' bow drill and nest of dry tinder. But, no other fire has been as rewarding. Sure I can dig up wood covered in tree sap from under a blanket of snow in mid January and light basically anything on fire with the pitch wood and my lighter. But after using a bow drill, everything else feels like cheating.

How many kinds of

fire can you make? Have you made a fire without matches or a lighter?

Fire building is a technical skill that's being lost, and I guess reasonably so. The world has moved on and these skills are no longer necessary. But I just worry about the cost of what's lost alongside the skill. The language, the terminology, the techniques, the items, the knowledge, and the teachings. All things equally as important as the skill itself.

And who knows, one day this skill could still very well save your life.

Shawnigan Rotary Eco Club

Rise and Shine!

Kim Barnard

*EcoClub Secretary and
Seed Planter*

What gets you going each day? Is it the thought of using your unique life experiences, talents, time and energy to create positive growth for yourself, and for others? Think of yourself as belonging to a network of connections! We can help you see the possibilities.

This month, we plan to celebrate our June 15th "First Birthday" as Canada's First Rotary EcoClub! We will invite you to join us for refreshments, a slide show, and expressions of gratitude for the opportunities we enjoy through mindful living here in Showe'luqun - Shawnigan Lake. Stay tuned for the time and place of the party here at our website and Plan to Join Us! <https://shawniganrotaryecoclub.ca/we-value-our-volunteers/>

The idea for a flexible, affordable and accessible Rotary membership option tailored to our lakeside community grew



into a cause-based and environmentally-focused outdoors EcoClub! It all began with a desire to bring everyone together and to offer hands-on projects to beautify our community and benefit our life-giving pollinators as well as boosting the spirits of our members and residents during a time of isolation. Taking our work "From Garbage (Litter Collection) to Garden (Planting for Pollinators)", we have come to be known as intrepid urban groundskeepers! We've adopted spaces like the Mason's parking lot for future improvements, with grateful permission from the landlord of course! By hosting Zoom discussions, many of which are recorded and archived at

our Shawnigan Rotary YouTube channel, we've brought many perspectives together for times of learning and collaborative understanding. Our members continue to shape our plans and activities as we enter our next Rotary year of community service.

One of our newest members, Tiffany Newman, sums it up, this feeling of limitless possibilities... "Shawnigan Lake is my home. It is where I work, play and relax. It is also where I've raised my family, and where we all intend to stay. It is an honour to work with like minded people who not only care about our community but who take action to preserve and improve it. The opportunity to merge the most meaningful parts of my life, Shawnigan Fire & Into The Ocean Society with the Rotary Eco Group is a privilege. I look forward to using my group's scuba diving skills to make Shawnigan even better."

There are people and places, things large and even very small ("Thank you Gordie!"), that can tremendously benefit from your gift of care

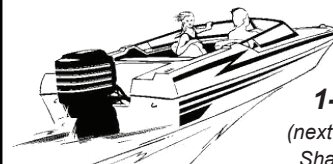
and attention. It starts with planting the seeds of intention, watering them with optimism and delighting in the possibilities with other forward think-

ers and doers. We would be very interested to talk with you to find out what you'd like to contribute with the goal of helping you SHINE too!

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Director's Meeting with Director Sierra Acton

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Presented by : **FireSmart Team &
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Date : Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Time : 7:00 PM

Location : Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
2804 Shawnigan Lake Road

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Shawnigan Focus

Eric J. Ronse - Opinion
Shawnigan Lake

The B.C. College of Physicians & Surgeons could greatly assist in the recruiting of qualified medical personnel by taking on a task that I have never seen or heard of as within its scope of responsibility.

I refer to taking on a role of identifying jurisdictions where the development of these professionals is comparable or superior to our requirements. There

are certainly such medical universities in many Western countries, in particular.

Once these have been identified, the College can then proceed to extend appropriate inducements to recruit from out-of-country. In particular, providing a monetary amount tied to a length of service.

It is evident that such an approach would hold a good amount of appeal, especially to younger

M.D.'s eager to see the world. Thus, by automatically accepting these professionals, B.C. would gain a reputation amongst these countries as welcoming new skills and talent. The College could still recommend or impose that a local, senior Canada-trained and educated physician be on-site to provide opinion on treatment measures and such.

A suggestion that might end the plague of the closure of clinics!

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Book Review

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Shawnigan Focus

Five Little Indians
Michelle Good
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by Michelle Good*

This is the winner of the 2022 Canada Reads contest, a book competition sponsored by the CBC to pick one of five Canadian books, with each one promoted by a "Champion" in a five-day televised and recorded series of discussion, debate and voting.

Five Little Indians is very deserving of the win. Although not an easy read, it captivated me from the very first page, beginning with a young boy's suspenseful and dangerous escape from an isolated church-run residential school, and so we are introduced to the topic.

Kenny is one of five characters, representing the thousands of Indigenous children taken away from their families and culture at the shockingly young age of 5 or 6. The way they were treated and the different terrible experiences they had is briefly written about, but the worst atrocities are only alluded to.

As the author says in an interview, she wanted to answer the question, "Why can't the survivors just get over it?" She chose to write about the after-effects and the psychological burdens carried by the young people after leaving the schools. These traumas have, of course, impacted the generations following them, as well.

In the late 60's and early 70's, thousands of these young survivors were dumped into the urban centres of Canada with no resources, little education and no means of independently maintaining themselves. If they tried to return to their original communities, there was

little or no connection with their relatives, a sad and shocking situation for all concerned, as those small villages had been without the presence of children playing and laughing for many years. These villages and their families had been hollowed out with the loss of their beloved children. The disconnect from family and culture was one of the biggest tragedies of the residential schools. And so, the young people drifted back to the cities. The Downtown Eastside in Vancouver was one such place and is the home of the five characters whose lives intertwine throughout the novel. Each has a coping mechanism, as Michelle Good explains that one character could not possibly embody all of the experiences of survivors. She does not turn these five into stereotypes, but rather examples, who are varied and complex, characters who have strengths and weaknesses, and very quickly we learn to care about them.

Kenny is the runner, never able to fully commit to one place or person. Alcoholism takes hold and he is unable to overcome this addiction. He loves deeply and leaves a surprising legacy for his family.

Maisie is beautiful, spirited and greatly damaged. Her short life is marked by self-destruction. But she helps others when she can. Her story is perhaps the most tragic of all.

Gentle Lucy is strong and resilient and works hard to educate herself, making a decent life for herself and her daughter, patiently overcoming all the obstacles in her path. Her daughter, Kendra, is the hope of the future, well-educated and independent. When she begins to learn the full story of her parents' experiences, she is shaken. Clara is a warrior, full of anger. She becomes an activist and works for her people, eventually finding

healing in the ancient ways of the sweat lodge. She interacts with Mariah, the Medicine Woman, who plays a small but memorable role in this story.

Howie, who has been so deeply hurt, is a loner who goes back to the land, finding solace and renewed strength in the landscape of the prairies and with his animals. He also finds a strong partner with whom to share his life.

How these five learn to become a community is the essence of this book. There is humour and warmth, and the delightful presence and antics of two goofy dogs named John Lennon and Billy Holliday help to lighten the narrative. When I watched the interview with the author and her "Book Champion" for Canada Reads, Christian Dillaire, he asks her how this book fits the theme of this year's contest: "One book that connects us all." She talks about moving forward together, the difference between words and actions, and then says, "Unless there is truth, there can be no reconciliation". When he asks for her advice on how to represent her book, she calmly tells him, "Allow the power of truth to guide the way you proceed."

And so he does, navigating the competition with maturity and grace, showing us all how powerful and articulate he is as an Indigenous young man. It is no surprise that he wins in the end, and his friendly rivals acknowledge his success with sincere appreciation. Michelle Good ends Five Little Indians with hope and love. As a mature Cree woman, she is very familiar with survivor stories as her mother went to a residential school. She writes fluidly with understanding and compassion and is a

wonderful story teller, letting the characters show us that while much damage was done, there is always the possibility of redemption.

It has been suggested that this book be put in the high school curriculum of all Canadian schools. If it were, it would carry on the impressive tradition of "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "The Diary of Anne Frank", books that influenced generations and taught us that systems and attitudes need to be changed if we are all to be equal. Recommended for those

who appreciate a well-told story and who believe in the power of hope and change for the better.

Rating: 5/5 stars

Dear Readers,

This will be my last Book Review, at least for now. I wish to thank Lori Treloar, Editor of the Shawnigan Focus, for this wonderful opportunity to turn my love of books into a regular column. Thanks also to all of you who let me know you read what I wrote. It has truly been a pleasure.

Marcy



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E.J. Hughes at Home in Shawnigan Lake

Robert Amos
Author and Artist

E. J. Hughes drew armoured cars and motorcycles when he was a War Artist, but never learned to drive. Moving to Shawnigan Lake, in 1951, he walked and went by boat, occasionally taking the bus or train to Duncan. During the summer of 1958, Hughes and his wife Fern travelled by bus to Chilliwack for two weeks, and also to Penticton and Revelstoke. After walking many miles to his sketching sites, it became clear that his time would be better spent if he had a car.

As his income increased - from commissioned paintings for Standard Oil and B. C. Telephone, and murals for the Royal York Hotel and the observation car of the Canadian Pacific Railway - Hughes arranged

for driving lessons from Mr. Hamilton who owned the marina on Strathcona Bay, ShawniganLake. For his kindness, Hamilton received a painting of the lake by Hughes, as seen from Hamilton's front porch.

On June 30 1959, the artist reported to his sister Zoe that "I learned to drive a second-hand car ('52 Pontiac), which we have purchased and I believe it will save us time going to and from the village, etc. I find it very enjoyable also, driving."

His new car was a turquoise 1952 Pontiac Strato Chief. He planned to test drive it on the new road to Bamfield and, on April 21 1959, he proudly informed his dealer, Max Stern "am leaving next week for two weeks on West Coast of Vancouver Island, to sketch the rocks, beaches

and breakers of the Pacific coast, also the islands with their characteristic wind-blown trees."

Thus began Hughes' love affair with cars. By 1962, he drove with Fern to sketch the Mill at Mesachie Lake from his burgundy-coloured Austin Cambridge. In 1963, he splurged for a brand new Pontiac Acadian, though he later confessed to his sister: "I overstepped our income when I bought the nice new red car you rode in, and after eleven months found we had to trade down to a 1960 Pontiac. It is a nice car, but a let-down after our new car. I am going to make sure when we buy our next new car that I can keep up the payments. Imagine my being such a poor businessman at my age." November 23, 1964.

On January 2, 1966 he wrote to his dealer, Max



Stern, about a magazine article about the Dominion Gallery which mentioned his name: "Nice to see also that Hughes received a favourable mention, although I hope local readers don't combine the phrase that I am "one of the country's most successful artists" and wonder why I haven't a new Pontiac instead of an old one. Please don't think I am complaining, as I know you can't sell

all your Hughes, and I am thankful to be able to paint full time. However, who knows, I may get that Buick Wildcat yet."

Though he never did get the Wildcat, Hughes liked to own a big car. In years to come he took to the road in an Oldsmobile Delta Royale, a Lincoln Grand Marquis and a succession of Jaguar Vanden Plas sedans.

Shawnigan Lake Museum - What's Inside?

Paige Henry
Summer Student, Shawnigan Lake Museum

Just My "Type": The Origin of the Typewriter

The Shawnigan Lake Museum's Remington typewriter is a relic of the pre-computer age and an interactive piece of history for visitors to try. It is just one of countless varieties of typewriter produced in the past few centuries.

The first known typewriter-like device is Francesco Rampazetto's *scrittura tattile*, or tactile writer, made in 1575. The first known typewriter patent was issued to English engineer Henry Mill in 1714, although it contained no diagrams of his invention. There is no evidence it was produced at all.

The 19th century saw an outpouring of diverse typing gadgets. Reverend Rasmus Malling-Hansen's "Writing Ball," invented in 1865 and released in 1870, was the first commercially available typewriter. It was a curiously shaped contraption, with its keys arranged on a half-sphere and the paper underneath.

The legacy of the typewriter truly began with the Sholes and Glidden Typewriter, invented by Christopher Latham Sholes and his partners,

Carlos Glidden and Samuel Soule. Originally a device for printing page numbers, Sholes was inspired to add letters after Glidden showed him a *Scientific American* article about John Pratt's pterotype, yet another early typewriter.

The Scholes and Glidden was patented in 1868 and the production rights sold to firearm manufacturers E. Remington and Sons, who began selling it in 1874. It would later be called the Remington. American author Mark Twain purchased one of these typewriters and with it produced the first typewritten book manuscript.

The Remington was large (being mounted on a stand similarly to a sewing machine), expensive, and could only type capital letters (The Remington No. 2 of 1878, which had a shift key, remediated this). It was also a "blind" typewriter—the typebars, or metal bars with characters embossed on the end, hit the paper from below, meaning a person could not see their work as they typed. Some later typewriters would be of the "visible" type, with typebars that hit the paper from the front.

The Remington was also the first typewriter to use the now-ubiquitous QWERTY layout, al-

though Sholes' original design had the R swapped for the period key. There is a popular theory that QWERTY was substituted for an alphabetical layout because typing neighbouring letters too quickly caused the typewriter to jam. The letters were more likely arranged to optimize quick translation of Morse Code, which was important for telegraph operators using typewriters for this purpose.

Typewriters evolved into electric models in the 20th century, followed by electronic ones, and were eventually replaced by the keyboards and word processors of today. While they may no longer be the most efficient tool for typing documents, they are certainly one of the most beautiful.

The Shawnigan Lake Museum is proud to display a Remington Rand Model 17 typewriter that is at least 70 years old. Visit us to give it a try.



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Dianne Casavant
Facilitator for Young Seniors Action Group
Society Quilters

Located in the Malahat Legion Branch 134 Shawnigan Lake, BC

During the pandemic, and closure of the Malahat Legion, President Isabelle Hammer arranged for the YSAG’S Quilters to continue sewing their quilts

for veterans for Quilts of Valour Canada Society.
Through the Leadership of Lynn Carroll, our Representative and Presenter for South Island Quilts of Valour, we have produced 30 quilts to-date.
Cdn. Virginia Bauder purchased the Poppy fabric panel (Artwork by Patrick Milner) and is only available from Quilts of Valour. Banner created by Dianne Casavant. It will now be



displayed permanently in the Malahat Legion.

Shawnigan Lake Fire Department

PO Box 201
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Department members attended 32 incidents in May

- ★ Sunday, May 1 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Saturday, May 14 – Alarms Activated on Wylde Wood Ave
- ★ Sunday, May 14 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, May 15 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake @ Thain Rds
- ★ Sunday, May 15 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, May 16 – Hydro Lines on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, May 16 - 1st Responder off Meadowview Rd
- ★ Tuesday, May 17 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, May 18 – Hydro Lines on Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Wednesday, May 18 – Hydro Lines on Campbell Rd & Lovers Lane
- ★ Wednesday, May 18 – Hydro Lines on Campbell Rd
- ★ Wednesday, May 18 – Hydro Lines on Furlonge Rd
- ★ Sunday, May 22 – Burning Complaint on Leonard Ave
- ★ Tuesday, May 24 – Alarms Activated on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, May 25 – Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, May 26 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, May 27 – Mutual Aid Structure Fire w/Mill Bay Fire
- ★ Friday, May 27 - 1st Responder off McKernan Rd
- ★ Sunday, May 29 – MVI on Northgate Rd
- ★ Tuesday, May 3 - 1st Responder off Colman Rd
- ★ Tuesday, May 3 - 1st Responder off Ravenhill Rd
- ★ Tuesday, May 3 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, May 4 – Assistance on Silvermine Rd
- ★ Sunday, May 8 – MVI on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Monday, May 9 – 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Tuesday, May 10 - Mutual Aid Vehicle Fire w/ Malahat Fire on Okotoks Dr
- ★ Tuesday, May 10 – Assistance on Renfrew Rd
- ★ Thursday, May 12 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, May 12 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Saturday, May 14 - 1st

Malahat Legion Branch 134

G.J. Solley
Malahat Legion

June is a very busy month with a lot of our drop-in activities finishing up until September except our Saturday Meat Draws and Bottle Drives.

We are having a special evening on June 17th. Register online through our website before making payment <https://malahatlegion.ca/dinner-and-show-with-wayne-montgomery/>

- \$25 Dinner and Country @ Western Show with Wayne Montgomery
- \$15 Dinner Only - Brenda’s home style cabbage rolls and Perogies
- \$15 Show Only

On the 18th we are hosting our Walter Hall Community Fishing Derby. Get more information on our website. We wish all fathers a Happy Fathers’ Day on the 19th.

And don’t forget our General Meeting on June 26th when we will be honouring five – 50 year members.

Shawnigan Weather - May 2022

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network & Environment Canada
Reported by Grant Treloar

	May Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road		
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	
Average High	17.2	14.6	18.8	14.9	18.7	14.2	18	14.6	18	
Average Low	7.0	5.8	7.5	5.9	7.4	6.4	8.8	6.0	7.6	
Extreme High	33.9	21.6	27.1	21.9	26.2	20.5	24.9	20.0	24.5	
Extreme Low	-3.9	1.9	4.2	1.1	3.2	2.2	5.8	2	4.5	
Precipitation	50.6	96.8	30.8	68.1	25.7	67.1	21.5	72.2	30.4	
Days w precip	14	17	12	21	10	15	8	18	15	
Year Precip	591.7	757.4	544.7	610.4	497.3	558.7	392.1	614.6	485.0	
Rank since 1914: 12 th coldest, 13 th driest										
Lake Temperature Lake leve change Surface Elevation						May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
						10 °	11 °	11 °	15 °	14 °
						-4cm	0cm	-5cm	-4cm	-5cm
						116.72	116.72	116.67	116.64	116.58

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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)**
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 Wed - Sat 10:30 - 3:30
Contact: museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com - shawniganlakemuseum.com
- ★ **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**
Contact: 250-929-7222 - southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca
- ★ **Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134**
Saturday Meat Draw 3:00-5:00pm. Contact: Gloria.gsolley@shaw.ca
- ★ **South Cowichan Arts Guild**
Contact: hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com - cowichansouthartsguild.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Quilters** - Wed. 9-2 at Lion's Hall (former Sylvania School)
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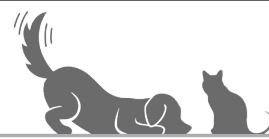
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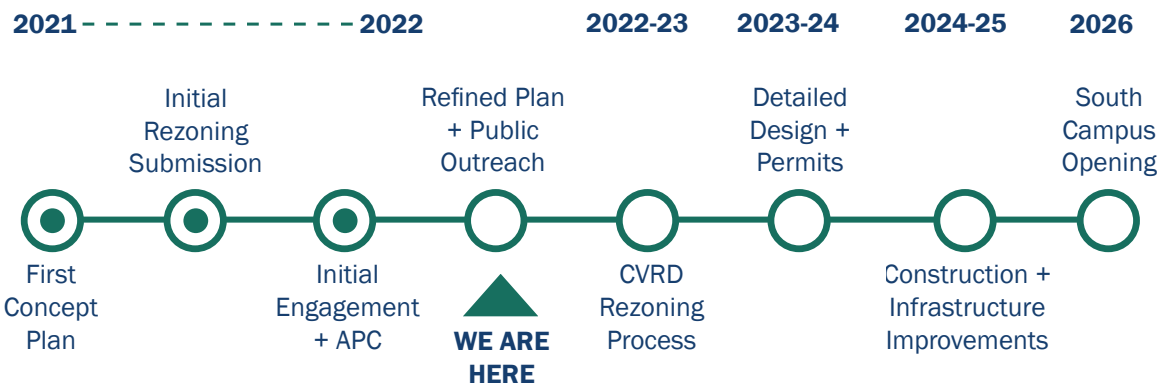
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