



Shawnigan Focus

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SHAWNIGAN SHIVERS INTO THE NEW YEAR

The brave in our community started 2019 at the 6th annual Shawnigan Shiver!!

The air temp was a pleasant 2 degrees and the water a warm 5 degrees

Thank you to all who help make this event happen:

- ★ Lori Treloar and Dave Hutchinson, Editors of The Shawnigan Focus for being the lead sponsor for this New Year's Day event.
- ★ Marian Davies and Bill Davies, for arranging donations of hot chocolate

and dispensing drinks and cookies every year, in addition to helping with set up and take down.

- ★ Fire Chief, Keith Shields, and the SL Fire Department, who have helped us with set up/take down, and provide us with tables, a generator, garbage bins, and, of course, the official siren.
- ★ Heather Plumb, who has helped every year with set up/take down and brings the warm, and

welcomed, fire pit.

- ★ Local artist, Francoise Moulin, for designing the beautiful 'Shiver' scenes on our posters and buttons
- ★ Roy Davies and Will who kindly provided the music.
- ★ Betsy Burr, Janet Neilsen and Jill Camden who managed the registration this year.
- ★ Jim Carey from Mason's Store who has generously donated the hot chocolate every year, and Shawnigan Lake School for the use of

their dispensers.

- ★ Jim & Marcy Green, Dave Hutchinson and Janet Neilsen for standing by, close to the action, in boats on the water.
- ★ Diane Cassavant for leading the warm up for our participants.

And, of course, thank you to all of our great volunteers who make the Shawnigan Focus Community Newspaper a reality every month. In particular, Kim Hennecker, our ad and billing person; Taryn Treloar,

who lays out the paper; Janet Neilsen who distributes the Focus in the community; all of the advertisers and all of the contributors.

This event is truly a community collaboration. The same people have come together for the past 6 years to make the event happen. Thank you to the swimmers – all 95 of them!

It is a great way to start the new year – with lots of community spirit!! If you missed it, there is always next year...





We are proud to announce that the recipient of the 2017-2018 Governor General’s Academic Medal is Robyn Zinkan. The Academic Medal recognizes outstanding academic achievement and is awarded annually to the student graduating with the highest average. Robyn is in her first year of the Natural Resource Management, Wildlife, Conservation and Fisheries program at University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George. Congratulations, Robyn.

Community Safety Support

Sarah Davidge
SCCPAS

Community safety is something we can all support. Anyone who lives on Vancouver Island has at one time or another experienced the effects that a severe storm can have on community. Large trees being uprooted; hydro lines down; roads closed and no access to debit/credit cards...Cash Only. Disaster Recovery plans need to be considered. Do you have one?

I am sure many residents of this community can attest to how helpful, supportive and caring our community members are towards one another during severe storm conditions. Were you one of the many people who required cash during the storm to be able to make a purchase from stores, gas stations, and for other day to day provisions? We were all affected by the storm and, in many cases, modern systems like debit/credit card systems were inoperable. It was great to see that many who had generators shared with those in need. What if you did not have gas for the gen-

erator and no cash money on hand to purchase it? Are we prepared? Do you know your neighbours? Are you aware of any elderly, or those with limited mobility, that could be more seriously affected? Community Policing offers free programs such as Block Watch and Friendly Phones. You can help - all training is provided and these services can have a positive impact during these times. Some insurance companies offer Block Watch discounts as well.

Safety is critical to wellbeing. Were you affected? Did you have help? Hydro outages can have huge impacts on us all. Some outages can last 4 plus days...others weeks. What are the impacts? Road closures; no heat, water or telephone; limited food; no medications with no access due to doctor’s offices being closed.

What would we do in the event of a real disaster...? Contact us at 250-929-7222 to pick up your guide or sign up for these programs.

Volunteers always welcome.

Shawnigan Weather December & 2018

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network ~ compiled by Grant Treloar

	Dec Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Average High	5.6	6.1	4.6	7.0	6.6	7.7	6.2	6.9	5.7
Average Low	0.5	1.6	-0.1	1.0	-0.1	1.9	-0.3	1.1	-0.4
Extreme High	16.0	10.3	9.4	10.4	11.3	12.1	12.1	10.5	10.5
Extreme Low	-15.0	-4.3	-5.8	-4.7	-5.7	-4.3	-6.2	-5.0	-6.0
Precipitation	194.6	280.1	138.3	256.4	119.4	213.4	117.7	279.4	117.2
Days w precip	20	23	13	23	14	23	13	24	13
Year Precip	1250.8	1293.2	1339.5	1201.5	1260.0	1073.9	1129.9	1274.0	1248.4
Prec since Oct 1	534.7	596.5	582.7	541.1	561.1	262.4	510.8	297.7	553.0

Rank since 1914: 26 th warmest , 21 st wettest									
Lake Temperature: Dec 2 nd : 7° Dec 9 th : 6° Dec 16 th : 5° Dec 23 rd : 5° Dec 30 th : 5°									
Lake Level Change: Dec 2 nd : +55cm Dec 9 th : -18cm Dec 16 th : +55cm Dec 23 rd : +33cm Dec 30 th : -24cm									
Surface Elevation: 116.69m 116.50m 117.06m 117.27m 117.15m									
	Shawnigan Annual Normals	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Rd	
		2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Avg Temp	9.9	10.8	10.1	11.2	9.9	11.4	10.2	10.6	10.0
Extreme High	37.2	34.6	33.8	33.9	34.3	33.8	34.6	33.5	34.5
Extreme Low	-21.1	-5.7	-8.1	-5.8	-8.4	-5.5	-8.3	-5.0	-8.5
Days w precip	174	168	175	164	185	160	160	160	169
Precipitation	1250.8	1293.2	1339.5	1201.5	1260.0	1073.9	1129.9	1274.0	1253.0
Rank since 1914: 6 th warmest , 33 rd wettest									
Lake temperature: warmest: 24° coldest: 3°									
Lake level: highest: 117.81m lowest: 115.89m									

South Cowichan Library

New in 2019:

The Vancouver Island Regional Library has eliminated fines on children’s materials! Also, the South Cowichan Library in the Mill Bay Centre now has its own Facebook page: VIRL South Cowichan

Tablet Workshop: Learn how to use the tools you already have in your tablet, from browsers and email to apps, on the first Wednesday of each month, 6-7pm. Also learn how the library can help connect you to digital books, movies, music, magazines, newspapers, Lynda.com, and more! Free, no registration, just bring your tablet.

LEGO® Club meets on Wednesday, Jan 9, 3:30-5:30pm. We provide the LEGO® (and Duplo®) and you provide the imagination, on the second Wednesday of every month. This is a free, drop-in event best suited for children 6 to 12 years but anyone old enough

to resist eating pieces is welcome.

French Conversation Club is on alternating Thursdays, Jan 10 & 24, 5:30-7pm. Come by and practice parler en français with a native French speaker.

Family Storytime is Saturday, Jan 12, 11am to noon. Join us for stories, rhymes, songs, and crafts on the second Saturday of every month. For children aged 2 to 6 and their adults. Free.

Hypnosis for New Year’s Resolutions: Learn how to program your mind and find resources that can help you get what you want on Thursday, Jan 17, 6-7pm. With Helena Jehnichen, Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist. Free.

Chess Club: This drop-in group for chess players meets on the last Friday of each month, 1-4pm. New players welcome. Free. 250-743-5436

The Winter of our Discontent

Thomas Lupton
Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)

My favorite part of winter is the snow. When we first moved here about 5 years ago we had snow in December, and it threatened to be a white Christmas - the first my kids would have experienced in their lives. In recent years, we've had massive dumps of snow and cold which allowed people to cross-country ski on the railroad tracks and skate on portions of the lake. Snowmen dotted the streets, and the Christmas lights that Shawnigan residents so dutifully put up each season were reflected in the pure white gleam of the beautiful winter snowfall.

But then the snow melted. Like most things in life, there

is a duality about winter that cannot be ignored: with the beauty of the snow comes downed power lines, icy roads, car accidents and mockery from the rest of Canada about our inability to drive in poor conditions. The only good news in this tale is that the chaos is temporary, and usually within a day or two the snow is gone and life returns to normal, or should I say, Shawnigan normal.

The Shawnigan normal is that once the snow melts and life has resumed, we spend the next 6-8 months dealing with winter's aftermath. Trying to get to Mason's for a quick snack? Watch that pothole by the tracks. Heading to the Trestle for a walk? The shoulder may or may not be collapsed due to flooding. Those who live on the West

Side of the lake must wonder if the road is even paved in large sections it's so rough.

To be fair, the Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTi) does try and fix things from time to time. The aforementioned pothole by Mason's has been filled several times over the past half-decade. There are some sections of new road, which unfortunately seems to inspire people to drive even faster through the flashing lights by Shawnigan Lake School. Clearly, Shawnigan Lake is simply not a priority for the Ministry. Their budget is presumably tight and they need to spend that money where the most people will benefit from it. In other words, not here.

This is a shame because in the past several years we have lost the Ironman series, in part be-

cause of poor road conditions; we have seen countless flat tires and damaged undercarriages of cars; cyclists who take their lives into their own hands if they try and navigate the crumbling roads and potholes, and drivers who swerve into oncoming traffic to avoid another costly repair.

Road repairs are expensive, but we pay pretty high taxes around here, too high to have the main arteries of our transportation network exist in disrepair for such a long period of time. Another wrench in the spanners for our community to improve our road conditions is the curious classification of 'rural highway' that the ministry has slapped on our roads. This severely impedes much of the progress we could make as a community. Shawnigan is growing and

the number of permanent residents is growing with it. We need better service from those who collect our taxes.

The solution seems clear: incorporating would allow the community to better prioritize which areas need attention and would greater allow us to classify our roads more logically. A fruitful conversation about things like road works, sidewalks, street lights, and other issues can be had with local residents to identify priorities. Additionally, incorporation would push issues topical to Shawnigan to the very top of the agenda without being shelved because of priorities elsewhere. Our issues aren't going to fix themselves under the current administration, so if we want something to be done about it, then we need to do something about it ourselves.

Shawnigan Stargazer

Colin Frostad
Shawnigan Focus

January: Total Lunar Eclipse

Well, it has been a pretty cloudy winter so far, which is not unexpected for Vancouver Island. I was able to view some Geminids, and saw Venus and Mercury at dawn while up in North-eastern British Columbia in December. We will put all of our eggs into one basket this month and hope for clear skies on the night of January 20th as there is a truly unique event that night across North America, a total lunar eclipse.

A total lunar eclipse occurs

only during a Full Moon, and when the Earth lies directly between the Sun and the Moon, causing the Earth's shadow to be cast on the lunar surface. Lunar eclipses are much more common than solar eclipses, like the one we had in 2017, because the Earth casts a much larger shadow than the moon does. A solar eclipse happens when the moon is new and the moon is between the Sun and the Earth. We don't experience eclipses monthly because the orbit of the Moon around the Earth does not line up perfectly with the orbital plane of the Earth around the Sun. This difference causes the shadow of each

object to miss each other more often than not.

To view the lunar eclipse, use the table below (all times are local). Penumbral is a lighter or secondary shadow cast by the earth. Partial is when there is still some direct sunlight hitting the Lunar surface. Full is when the Moon is completely enveloped in Earth's shadow. Unlike a solar eclipse, a lunar eclipse is more subtle and the colour of the moon can vary between yellow, grey and red.

Duration: 5 hours, 11 minutes, 33 sec

Duration of totality: 1 hour, 1 minute, 58 sec

Penumbral begins:
20 Jan 2019, 18:36:29

Partial begins:
20 Jan 2019, 19:33:54

Full begins:
20 Jan 2019, 20:41:17

Maximum:
20 Jan 2019, 21:12:14

Full ends:
20 Jan 2019, 21:43:15

Partial ends:
20 Jan 2019, 22:50:39

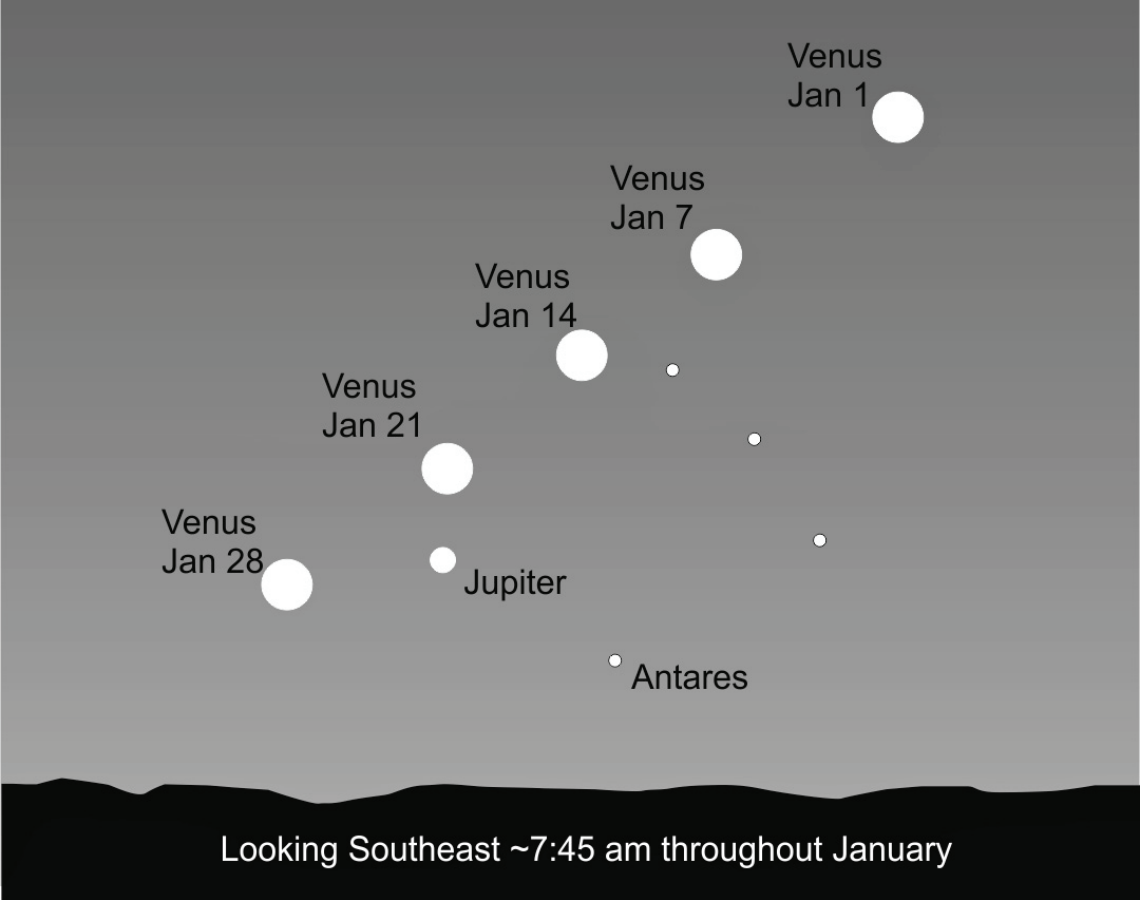
Penumbral ends:
20 Jan 2019, 23:48:02

Planets and Moon: Mars is slowly progressing west in the evening sky. We still

have a couple more months of viewing although, as it drops toward the horizon, the viewing quality will diminish.

For the early risers, Venus and Jupiter will dance by each other over the course of the month, coming closest to each other the morning of January 22nd. Throughout the month look to the Southeast as Venus slowly drops toward the horizon and Jupiter. The red heart of Scorpio Antares will also be visible.

New Moon is January 5th, Full Moon is night of January 20th.



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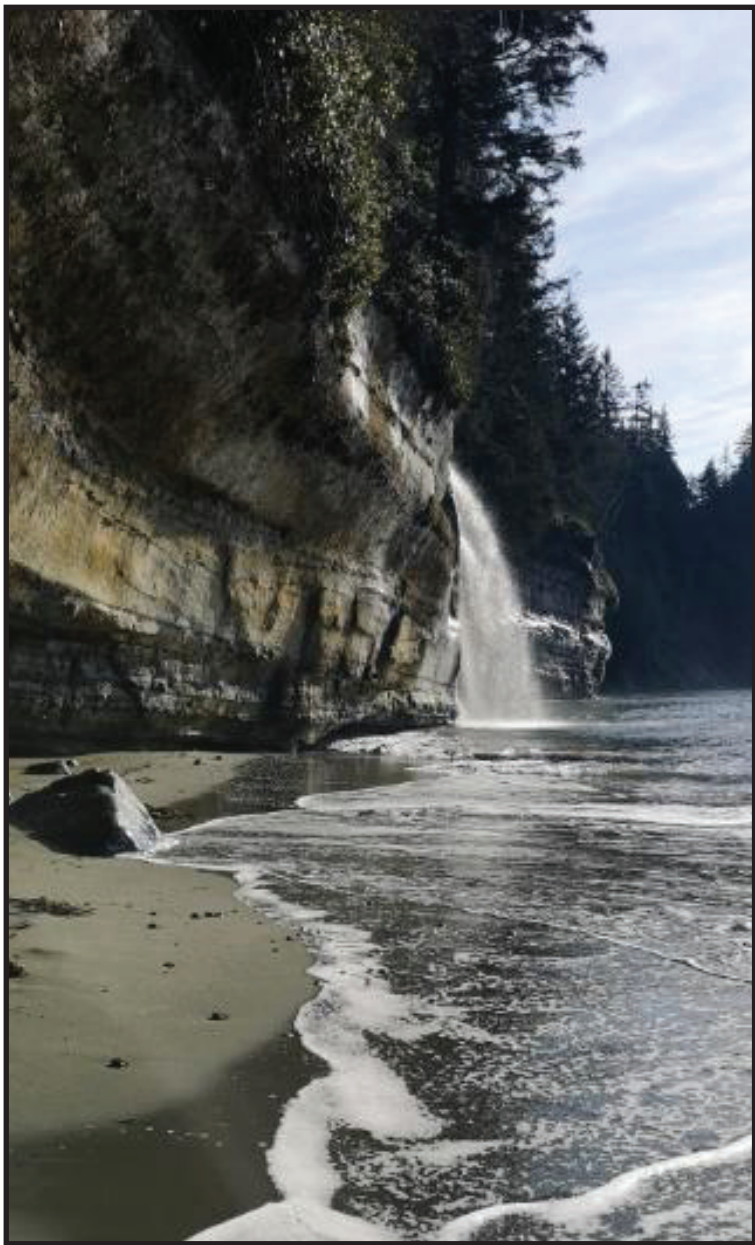
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Walk Talk

Robin Massey
Shawnigan Focus

Naturally as a year ends, we reflect upon our recent experiences. This past year our group has gone to many of our favorite places at a more accelerated pace and I'm sure it's safe to say that our group is most grateful for the outdoor spaces we frequent and the supportive friendships we have developed.

Not too long ago, my other half and I aligned our time away from work and I had the pleasure of being the adventuree in tow as we set out to Mystic Beach for the day. Getting there from our humble paradise is always an adventure in itself with battling weekday traffic and tensions but once on the West Coast Highway (#14), serenity kicked in.

Starting at the China Beach parking area located off of the highway, there is a detailed map to guide your way to Mystic. 2 kilometers is all it is.

However, it is neither a flat or a dull trail and features plenty of rolling terrain, exposed tree roots, wood walkways, a suspension bridge and abundant flora to keep you busy.

There is signage along the way, but if in doubt – staying straight on the prominent pathway will get you there. And hearing the ocean waves calling out in the distance as you make your way is incentive to keep you going indeed.

Once close to the beach and embarking down the 70 plus stairs, you are quickly rewarded with a view of the infinite ocean.

Then upon reaching the soft sand below with the mammoth driftwoods scattered on the shoreline, it is hard to resist stopping in awe. However, down on the left side of the beach you may catch a glimpse the iconic waterfall – and if the tide is in your favor, there is a cave to explore for the makings of a great photo.

Mystic Beach is truly a

beautiful place to add to any must see list. And although those stairs up may weigh on the mind, it is honestly not a totally torturous endeavor. Slow and steady as they say!

Follow the same trail back to the start but noting that there is a sign that states “Juan de Fuca Trail” with an enticing trail behind it which I suggest to avoid unless you fancy heading back to the trailhead via the highway.

The trail is considered an intermediate level and good boots for the unpredictable terrain, plenty of water and layered clothing are all good checks to have in place. Canines are safe company here and it's good to know that there are washroom facilities at either end.

May you yourself find in many happy and joyous adventures this upcoming year!

Check out pictures for this hike and more at The Om Tree Facebook page.

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Book Review

Marcy Green
Shawnigan Focus

Tilly and the Crazy Eights

Monique Gray Smith
Published by Second Story Press

I have a stack of new books - all of them interesting. But I felt drawn to this one, perhaps the least publicized although it did appear on “The Next Chapter”, a popular CBC Radio book review show, with Shelagh Rogers.

A small volume, and deceptively simple in storyline, it is the story of a group of female Indigenous elders who, after seeing a movie about bucket lists, decide to create one themselves for their sewing group. Their dreams become more concrete as they fundraise to hire a small bus to take them on a trip of a lifetime.

The most fragile of the group decides she would like to take her precious regalia and dance at the world famous Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After their initial disbelief, the others slowly add their wishes: the Tulip Festival in Washington;

Las Vegas, Sedona; the Grand Canyon and the Redwoods, all appear on their list. Two of the husbands decide to join them and they engage a young woman, Tilly, to drive their bus.

Their journey is sure to strike a chord for anyone who has always yearned to do one more thing before they feel it's too late. I know, as an elder myself, I was touched by the immediacy some of the members felt as they thought about their remaining years.

As the trip unfolds we learn about the individual life histories, and it is here that the author takes us gently into stories of residential schools, The Highway of Tears, recovery from alcohol abuse and dissolving marriages. Gray Smith does not preach or lecture. Instead, she introduces us to the pain that has been taken in and the amazing resilience that these women have shown as they move towards healing.

It is not a dark book, as the humour, the laughter, and the sisterhood that grow stronger on the tour, lifts it up to be a hopeful story. But the life lessons


are universal and very touching as the women become more vulnerable with each other.

What I most enjoyed was learning more about the First Nations cultural and spiritual customs, some of the protocol and, finally, the wonder of the Pow Wow. The descriptions of the dancers, the colours and sounds are all deftly woven together and make one wish to go to such an event and observe and feel the great power that exists in the dances, the singing and the drumming.

There is also an aspect of magic realism written into the narrative as the Ancestors appear and guide the women.

The ending is satisfying in that it draws all the pieces together in a realistic and compassionate way. I look forward to reading more of this author's work as she is from Vancouver Island and writes that she lives on the traditional territory of WSANEC near Victoria. A thoughtful read for these times and very much in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation.

Rating: 4.3/5 stars


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“Find a calm lake and wait for the twilight in silence!
There, existence will visit you with all its magnificence!”
~ Mehmet Murat ildan

Happy New Year Shawnigan! Director's Report 2019

Sierra Acton
Area Director

Love it!

It's been an amazing month of power outages, holiday events and neighbours helping each other. I love the symbolic nature of a new year...a time to set new goals, state intentions and review the previous year.

I'm sure we are all in appreciation for the work done by the BC Hydro Linesmen and Tree Crews both locally and also the crews who arrived from the mainland, Thank You! The dedication of these teams and their commitment to restoring power was amazing. They worked day and night for days and, in some cases, right through the Christmas holiday. I would also like to acknowledge the love and support that was expressed by so many in the community, with people of-

fering generators, help with clearing trees from residential lots, sharing Christmas dinner, etc. It was heart warming to see the community coming together in such a way, especially at Christmas.

Share it!

I love setting goals on the New Year. One of my goals for this coming year is to find more ways to connect with community. I am creating a communication plan to help keep everyone up to date on what's happening at the Cowichan Valley Regional District, related activities in the community and how I am representing you at the Board Table. As always, you can expect Director's Meetings at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre and now, I will be holding them at the Hub at Cowichan Station, as well. I would also like to offer a tour of the CVRD to inter-

ested residents so that you can check out the various departments, the Board Room and even meet some of the staff. Additionally, I will continue to publish newspaper articles, hold Topic Specific Info Sessions, and I am always open to sitting down over a cup of coffee if you prefer a more casual one on one.

If you consider yourself new to the community, I am personally inviting you to the next Director's Meeting. **The next Director's Meeting will be Feb. 4th** at 7pm at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre.

It would be great to meet in person and I hope I can help you in some way, even if it's just figuring out where to recycle your old appliances or connecting you with a local preschool. I would also love input on another idea I have for connecting with newcomers...

Protect it!

Our community is growing and with growth comes change. I've heard from some that "I don't want things to change," but in reality our only option is to engage and manage it. There are areas where the community has said that we want development and those areas have been zoned accordingly to promote the changes we want to see. Unfortunately, where poor decisions have been made, it usually happened in areas where the community has not specifically stated ahead of time that they want growth in that area - the development has just happened. It takes about 10 years for a poor development decisions to really hit the community financially and I do not intend to leave that kind of legacy. Planning what you want to create as a community always yields the best outcomes. The

community is very hesitant to support applications that are outside the village core and on the East Side of the Lake. So lately, I have been focusing community discussion on the future of our village and how we can manage growth and solve some of the underlying issues in the core. Nothing has happened yet, but when it does you can be the first to know by joining my monthly email update for AREA B: **B in the Know**. Just send me your email address.

In reviewing lessons I've learned in 2018, I conclude with: Life is Precious, Plan as a Community and I really appreciate having electricity.

All the Best for a prosperous New Year Area B!!!

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Times Colonist 10K Clinic in Shawnigan

Trish Letient
TC10K Clinic Coordinator

Walk or run your way to a healthier you in a friendly, non-competitive group! The Times Colonist 10K Clinic at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre is the place to start.

Our clinic leaders are former participants who want to share their passion for this event with as many people as possible. No matter your fitness level, there is a place for you. Do you need

structure and encouragement to get moving? Would you like to increase your fitness level? Are you a returning participant who wants to improve your running technique and time? Our proven 14-week gradual program was designed by Lucy Smith, 19-time Canadian Champion runner and triathlete. Lucy's enthusiasm is infectious, she is a lifelong runner and has spent hundreds of hours coaching kids and adults in Victoria and around the world.

The Shawnigan Clinic is very excited to include a Nordic Pole Walking group with Linda Schaumleffel, former Olympic athlete, and Victoria's own Nordic Pole Walking expert, as our coach. You may be wondering, "what is Nordic pole walking?" Simply put, pole walking is like cross-country skiing without the snow. It uses 90% of the body's muscles so your cardiovascular fitness and physical fitness improve quickly and it's easy on your hips, knees and feet!

You will notice better posture, a trimmer waist, and reduction of that annoying back-of-the-arm "flubber."

We meet weekly on Sundays, beginning January 20th, for 14 weeks at the Shawnigan Community Centre at 8:30 a.m.

For only \$140.70 you get the following: one (1) entry to the 2019 TC10K race, a 14-week training program, online support from Coach Lucy Smith, event tech shirt, technical long

sleeve training shirt, graduated plan for runners or walkers of all levels, lit armband, expert training tips, support and encouragement of experienced leaders, group support and camaraderie, and discounts from The Running Room.

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Malahat Legion

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The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #134 held all of their annual December activities which support the Shawnigan Lake community. In December they also had several crises before the raging wind storm that caused so many power outages.

Also, a large quantity of asphalt was dumped on our property which re-directed the creek and caused major flooding. On December 7th Spade Excavating Ltd. and Mid Island Aggregate came to our rescue and donated

each of their company's time, men and equipment to correct the water problem. Fire Chief Keith Shields also came to our rescue on December 18th when the external drains clogged up. He created a ditch for the water to run off.

Special thanks to several Legion members for the hard work they contributed for these difficult problems, especially Judy Bobke who, with President Wilf Nash's approval, contacted our "rescuers".

Working together strengthens community organizations.

It is a WIN-WIN situation.

2019 event calendars are

available for monthly events at the Legion or you can find information on-line by accessing our web site (www.malahatlegion.com) or by visiting the following face book pages:

- ★ Royal Canadian Legion Br 134
- ★ Shawnigan Lake Events, News, Links, Community Forum
- ★ Cobble Hill Events, News and Links
- ★ Shawnigan Lake Focus (or on-line Shawniganfocus.ca)

Best wishes for a safe and Happy New Year from your local Malahat Legion, Branch #134. Hope to see you there.

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Department members attended 66 incidents in December

- ★ Tuesday, Dec 4 – Structure Fire on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Dec 4 – Chimney Fire on College Pl
- ★ Tuesday, Dec 4 – Chimney Fire on Heald Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Dec 5 – Alarms Activated on McKean Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Dec 5 – Assistance on Treit Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Dec 5 – Marine Rescue near McKenzie Island
- ★ Wednesday, Dec 5 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Dec 5 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Dec 8 – Assistance on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Saturday, Dec 9 – Assistance on Northgate Rd
- ★ Monday, Dec 10 – MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Dec 12 – MVI on Thain & Silvermine Rds
- ★ Friday, Dec 14 - 1st Responder off Colman Rd
- ★ Monday, Dec 17 - 1st Responder off Deloume Rd
- ★ Monday, Dec 17 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Dec 18 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Dec 18 - 1st Responder off Forsyth Way
- ★ Thursday, Dec 20 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, Dec 20 – 22 Hydro Line Incidents throughout District
- ★ Thursday, Dec 20 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, Dec 20 – Mutual Aid Structure Fire w/Malahat Fire Dept
- ★ Thursday, Dec 20 - 1st Responder off Linden Ln
- ★ Thursday, Dec 20 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Thursday, Dec 20 – Mutual Aid Structure Fire w/Cowichan Bay Fire Dept
- ★ Thursday, Dec 20 – MVI on W Shawnigan & Shawnigan Lake Rds
- ★ Friday, Dec 21 – Structure Fire on Oldham Rd
- ★ Friday, Dec 21 – 6 Hydro Line Incidents throughout District
- ★ Friday, Dec 21 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Saturday, Dec 22 – Assistance on Heald Rd
- ★ Saturday, Dec 22 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Dec 23 – CO Detector Alarm on Timber Ridge Rd
- ★ Sunday, Dec 23 – 2 Hydro Line Incidents on Recreation Rd
- ★ Monday, Dec 24 – 2 Hydro Line Incidents on Baldy Mountain Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Dec 25 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Dec 25 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Friday, Dec 28 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Dec 29 – Hydro Line Incident on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Dec 30 - 1st Responder on W Shawnigan Lake Rd



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- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission (APC)** Meetings TBA
Contact: Bruce at jenniebruce1@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**
Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month. 7pm at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre.
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission**
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**
1st Tuesday of the month in Watershed office: Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Office hours: Tues & Thurs 11-1 Wed 6-8. Contact: luvlife@shaw.ca
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: blog.ysag.ca - email: ysagssl@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
Open Friday to Sunday - 10:30-4. Closed Dec. 17, 2018 until Feb 1, 2019. Contact: shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca
- ★ **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

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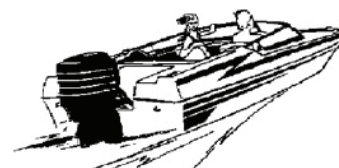


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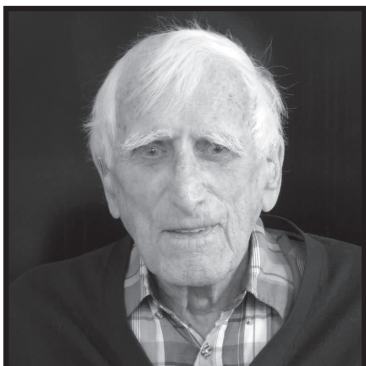
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Shawnigan Lake Museum - A year in review



Garth



Sally



Romey

Lori Treloar Executive Director

2018 was a very busy but productive year for the Museum. It was also a year of loss. Two of our long term Board members, Garth Harvey and Sally Davies, died in 2018. In addition, we lost two of our dedicated volunteers, Romey Pringle and Ken Waet. The loss is enormous and they are sorely missed.

In the spring of 2018, we used funds from a Canada | BC 150 grant to upgrade the existing museum building. The work included new lighting; new floors; new cabinets and much more. This project completed Phase 1 of Project Impact – the planned expansion of the museum.

With the support of Lorin Inglis and Enrico Winery we hosted a very successful fundraiser in March. This Sportacular event was well attended and the speaker, Jim Taylor (retired sports writer), was a huge hit. In November, we collaborated with the Royal Cana-

dian Legion for a Beer and Burger fundraiser. Thank you to Virginia Bauder for making this happen. It was a lot of fun and a big success. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraisers!

In February, we hosted our 5th annual Family Day event. It was held outdoors in Elsie Miles Park. Fortunately the weather cooperated and many families came out to enjoy the free activities and fun. In August, we held our 6th annual Heritage Fair, again in Elsie Miles Park. This event has a 'step back in time' feel with vintage cars; old fashioned races; a dress up booth and much more. In 2018, Lisa Smith organized a successful Vintage Market as part of the event.

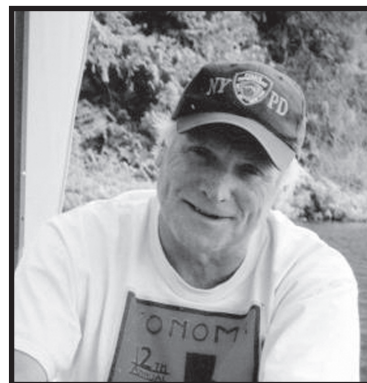
We have a strong and committed Board of Directors and great team of volunteers who help to make these events and fundraisers happen. Thank you to all.

The museum is closed for annual maintenance. It will reopen Feb 1st. If you want to contact us, please

call 250-743-8675 or email shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca

Coming up:
February 18th – Family Day event. Watch for more details.

To find out what's going on at the museum Follow us on Facebook. Or, check out our website: www.shawniganlakemuseum.com



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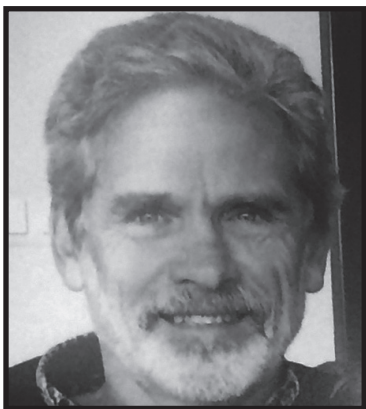


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A Memorial for Mike will be held January 12. At 1PM there will be Mass at St Francis Xavier Church, in Mill Bay, followed by a reception at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre (2-4 PM). Donations in lieu of flowers to BC Cancer Federation or Victoria Hospice Society.

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INFORMATION : Rhoda - 250 709 3050
EMAIL : rhoda.taylor@viha.ca
FACEBOOK : Healthy Beginnings Cowichan

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January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Date : Sunday, January 13, 2018
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Contact : Roy Davies - ADMINISTRATOR
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