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# E.J. Hughes at home in Shawnigan Lake

#### **Robert Amos**

Author and Artist

The approach to Shawnigan Lake from the south presents a view of the charming little Rose Island. It stands not far from the shore, a lone island with a distinct fretwork of treetops, just the sort of thing which Lawren Harris of the Group of Seven found irresistible in Ontario's Algonquin Park. The trees have grown up since then but, when artist E. J. Hughes first paid attention to Rose Island, he drew it while sitting comfortably in the passenger seat of his car. This was not only a comfortable place to sit, but the artist could avoid showers of rain or the distractions of curious passers-by.

Hughes first drew this view in 1963, when the rather bare hills on the far side of the lake had recently been logged. Then,

as now, docks line the near shore of the lake where cottagers enjoy life on the waterfront. A cottage on the far side of the island is hidden just behind the windmill which was used to draw up water from the lake. The centrepiece of the image is a picturesque gazebo, perfectly situated for taking in the view. Even back in 1963 there was a water ski jump on the south side of the island. To the north, Hughes painted a red and white runabout with an outboard motor pulling a waterskier across the calm waters of Shawnigan Lake, leaving a wake behind the swimming float near the island. The rhythmic ripples of the boat's wake approach the near shore, adding interest to the reflections of the little island. As ever, Hughes has treated every detail with loving care. At the request of his Montreal dealer, Max



Stern, Hughes was in the habit of writing out little notes to affix to the back of his canvases. When he created this lovely painting in 1976, he wrote the following:

Rose Island Shownigan Lake, . . J. Hughes . 1976. Simeland the original pencil sketch from nature was produced for this pointing, in 1963, the second tallest tree on the island, on the right, has grown taller than the Tall tree on the left of the island, but the tall tree in the left of the island, but the tall tree in the left of the island, but the tall tree in the left of the island, but the tall tree in the left has now, importantly, died, and is just a pale grey skeletor. The lettle summer house and the windmill are still there, but are sadder and deller. I think I are sadder and deller is the of the

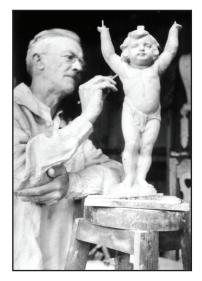
# George S. Gibson: Shawnigan Lake's forgotten carver

**Emery Sanderson** Summer Student, Shawnigan Lake Museum

One of Vancouver Island's most prolific woodcarvers remains largely a mystery to the majority of the population, still to this day. George S. Gibson (b. 1867-1942) was an immigrant from Edinburgh Scotland who, over the course of his life, became a renowned woodcarver creating work for some of the Island's most respected names, and even the British Royal family. In 1910, Gibson took his talents to the shores of Shawnigan Lake.

Gibson was responsible for decorating much of Victoria's interiors and exteriors, as well as Shawnigan Lake itself. Gibson's work can be seen throughout Shawnigan and Victoria to this day: the well-known concrete lion on the lake; carvings in Hatley Castle; various churches, including Christ Church Cathedral; the Parliament buildings and the CPR Building in

It is safe to say that Gibson is widely responsible for



esque aesthetic. To understand Gibson's motives and inspirations, we must first dive into his backstory. Born in Edinburgh, in 1867, to a family of carvers and craftsmen, Gibson attended formal schooling until the age of 14, where then he was taken under the wing of his father and eldest brother in his own woodcarving apprenticeship. The Gibson family name already carried a heavy weight in the carving world, with his father, James Gibson, being

a carver for the Duke of

Northumberland. Seem-

Victoria's High Victorian-

ingly from the moment Gibson stepped into the world his path was already laid out for him.

Before making the eventual move to Shawnigan Lake, Gibson had a string of other ventures around the rest of the Western World. Prior to the 1890's it would seem the Gibson's enjoyed a relatively comfortable life in Edinburgh. The two brothers would learn vital skills working primarily on churches and cathedrals. This lasted until a large part of Europe entered an economic depression. Unable to remain in Scotland, Gibson decided it best to leave in search of greener fields.

His first stop was New York, where he continued his trade in a renowned woodcarver's association. After this stint in America, he returned to Edinburgh briefly, married, had two children, and promptly set off again. It can only be assumed that throughout this time Gibson was still living off his trade, but he decided he needed a change. In a large wave of immigration to the exciting 'new' frontier of British Columbia, Gibson tried to make it as a fruit farmer. However, this did not last long. After one year of farming in Nelson, Gibson made the move to Vancouver, trying his hand in real estate while carving simultaneously. Though his farming endeavour did not last long, it should be noted that gardening remained a prominent aspect of his life until his death in 1942.

After moving in and around Vancouver, Ğibson eventually found himself on Vancouver Island, visiting destinations popular for tourists. While in Shawnigan Lake, a tourist's paradise, Gibson fell in love with the land, quickly deciding then and there this is where he should raise his family. Within a couple months, Gibson threw together a house and a workshop and his family followed soon after. It should be mentioned that they immigrated at the perfect time for a woodcarver. Shawnigan Lake and nearby Victoria were wealthy communities rapidly expanding and in need of carvings.

It was during this time

Gibson made all of his best-known work, largely in conjunction with noted architect Samuel Maclure. They designed and decorated Hatley Park Castle, the Parliament Buildings, Aberthau House, and Tulk (or Rosemary) House, alongside many other projects. Some of Gibson's other notable works include the Shawnigan Lion (an anti-political symbol), various pieces at the Christ Church Cathedral (incl. the stone Robin), many interior details of the Parliament Buildings (sidings, the speaker chair, etc.) and two oak chairs that British Royalty, still used to this day whenever they visit Victoria.

On March 9th-1942 Gibson died, after contracting pneumonia a few months after his wife's death. Gibson is buried next to his wife in Mill Bay. The vast majority of his work was never signed. He simply saw the art of carving as just a job. Due to this, the drastic impact Gibson has had on Vancouver Island's aesthetic, as a whole, has, sadly, been forgotten.

#### **South Cowichan Library**

**Monica Finn**South Cowichan Library

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Summer Reading Club continues! Registration can still be done in the library or at virl.beanstack.org online.

The Hul'q'umi'num Scavenger Hunt is happening all month. Find images of local wildlife with their names in English and Hul'q'umi'num, then turn in your answer sheet to enter a draw to win a \$10 gift certificate for Softys ice cream truck! Aug 6, Saturday, 9:30am: Join us for a summer Family Storytime! Aug 9, Tuesday, 2pm: Letter to a Loved One: Write (or draw) a letter to someone you love, then

drop in the mailbox next door. Envelope and stamp provided.

Aug 15, Monday, 3pm: Craft Time! Create hanging art with felt and wooden beads. All ages. Aug 15-20: Explore your mechanical side with Gears, Gears, Gears in the children's area all week.

Aug 22, Monday, 2pm: Join us for a summer finale with Magician Leif David. Comedy and magic for everyone!
For ages 12-18, the Teen
Summer Challenge and
Adult Summer Reading
Challenge continue.
Find out more at virl.
beanstack.org or come
into the library.

The Library Mouse is still hiding this month! Children can come in each week to find her and enter to win a prize.

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.

The South Cowichan Library in the Mill Bay Centre is open:

- -10am 8pm on Monday and Tuesday
- -10am 5pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

#### **Area Director's Report**

#### Sierra Acton

Area B Director

The last few years have been really challenging locally, and globally. We have had flooding, heat domes and of course a continuous pandemic. These are stressful strains on our community, the CVRD and all of us, personally and professionally. Despite all these challenges we as a community and the CVRD have accomplished a lot. And, as the term comes to an end, it's important to reflect on some of these highlights. Accomplishments to name a few:

#### 100% grant funding of the Rail with Trail.

Phase 1 and 2 completed with phase 3 scheduled for 2023

The Think Shawnigan Plan to help the village develop in the way the community envisions.

 Resulted in multiple projects being grant ready. One grant already obtained with collaboration of EDC and the SRA. • Public confidence in our community resulting in a full vibrant village.

Shawnigan Gathering, celebrating the SLCC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorated with a rock climbing wall.

Multiple Grant funded improvements to the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre, everything from a lobby redesign to improved entranceway with parking expansion and repaying.

Many upgrades and improvements to Kerry Park Recreation Facility including NEW pickleball courts. Purchase of 2 Acres of Lakefront extending Dougan Park creating safe parking for Mason's Beach and a future site for the Rail with Trail Entranceway. Policy change on Soil Dumping including restricting zoning that can receive fill. As a result, protecting our lake.

Continued support for respectful use of the lake and creating more lake access for community. Sharing our whole community inclusively not just for private users and special interest groups.

To come, or in progress: Completion of the Rail with Trail creating a safe walking/biking trail alongside the lake.

Relocation of the boat launch and creating more safer places for people to enjoy the lake.

Long term planning for managing and purchasing parks to protect against future pressures such as climate change and weather events.

Working with partners to support repaving of West Shawnigan Lake Rd and the rest of Renfrew Rd., leading to the Trestle Continue to work with MOTI on improvements to the Mason's Beach intersection.

Improved modernized bylaws that allow for economic drivers and more affordable housing.

Of course, there are countless volunteer groups who accomplish so much by filling the gaps that government can't. All contributions, big or small, are a part of the collective that makes Shawnigan what it is.



We are inclusive, caring and collaborative. I am grateful to everyone who helps in our community.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm Director's Meeting with special guest Elodie Roger, MSc Environmental Consultant in Terrestrial Ecosystem Restoration at Origins Environmental Services. Location TBA.

Saving Salmon One Metre of Shoreline at a Time, a communitybased approach to shoreline habitat restoration

This presentation shows

how the community of Lake Cowichan came together to restore, enhance and protect shoreline and salmon habitat in Cowichan Lake and Upper Cowichan River. This Project was delivered in partnership with the Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society and the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF).

Check <a href="http://www.ilove-shawnigan.com/events.html">http://www.ilove-shawnigan.com/events.html</a>
to rsvp and get updates
Hope you can make it. As always, I am available, <a href="mailto:Si-erra.Acton@cvrd.bc.ca">Si-erra.Acton@cvrd.bc.ca</a>

Live it! Share it! Protect it!

#### **Memory Island Broom Pull**



A BIG community thank you for the group of volunteers who went out to Memory Island, in the heat, and tackled an enormous amount of Scotch Broom with CVRD and BC Parks! Your efforts make a huge difference to precious local ecosystems and the community. And a special thanks to Director Acton as well for the well-timed cold drinks

There is more work to be done in the weeks to remove the broom from the island and dispose of it.

#### Shawnigan Weather - July 2022 Report

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

	July Cigarmaker's Normal Bay			Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Average High	23.3	27.0	28.8	26.4	27.0	24.6	25.9	24.8	26.3
Average Low	12.0	13.7	14.2	13.7	14.0	14.6	15.4	13.8	13.9
Extreme High	37.2	37.9	36.2	36.8	35.3	35.0	34.5	35.0	34.5
Extreme Low	3.9	11.0	10.9	10.7	11.1	11.6	12.5	11.5	11.0
Precipitation	23.2	33.3	0.0	31.4	0.0	18.4	0.0	32.4	0.0
Days w precip	6	6	0	6	0	5	0	7	0
Year Precip	654.9	868.5	575.9	701.8	533.6	619.7	413.0	696.4	516.2

Rank since 1914: 10 th warmest , 25 th wettest

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	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Lake Temperature	22°	21°	22°	24°	28°
Lake level change	-4	0cm	-2.5cm	-1.3cm	.2.5cm
Surface Elevation	116.43m	116.43m	116.39m	116.30m	116.37m

#### **Shawnigan Basin Society**

**Costly CVRD Fiasco** with Taylor Park **Proposal** 

**Dave Hutchinson** Shawnigan Basin Society

Since October 2020, the CVRD has been promoting a controversial project to use the wetlands of Taylor Park as expansion parking for Kinsol Trestle visitors.

It was clear from the start

that Taylor Park was unsuitable. The Shawnigan Basin Society and others provided a detailed assessment months ago. Heedless, CVRD Parks staff along with most of the Regional Directors were optimistic that spending more money for additional environmental and engineering consultants would pave the way for paving Taylor Park.\$30,000 later, the

contracted expertise confirmed what was readily apparent to anyone who actually visited the site – it was not the right place!

It is good that the correct decision was finally reached although unfortunate that much time, effort and taxpayer dollars were needlessly spent. Appropriate acknowledgement, accountability, and thoughts on how to prevent similar mistakes in the future would be appreciated – but don't hold your breath.

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# **Upinions:**

The Shawnigan Lake Rail Trail Saga: Mourning an Ecosystem Kathy Code

A morning walk along the Shawnigan Village Rail Trail is nothing short of heaven. Breathing in the scents that perfume the air, you hear the bird songs, the rustle of the trees, and catch a glimpse of the lake and the occasional rabbit. It's a short stroll filled with a symphony of a thousand shades of green, topped by delicate blooms, all framed by the majestic firs and cedars that have lived at the lake's edge for decades. It's said that beaver, mink and even the Great Blue Heron live within this 350-metre span. It's a bittersweet walk, knowing that all the lakeshore vegetation will soon be stripped away and those glorious trees will come crashing down to be replaced by a gravel walking trail. The section of trail from the Government Wharf Park to Old Mill Park would be the third section of the SVRT, and yes, this

precious gem of lakeshore ecology will soon be the beneficiary of a \$650,000 gas tax grant that in an ultimate example of irony destroys the very thing that draws people to this place of wonder and beauty. Instead, we're getting 150 dump trucks of fill to create a path often just feet from the shoreline. It's soil that will soon leach into the lake as powerful winter waters and winds rise and take their toll. These are elements that can crush docks, let alone a gravel pathway.

To be sure, Shawnigan Lake residents have objected mightily to the project, with 1500 people signing the petition to end the madness and a Rail Trail group that has sprung up to protect the path. The consensus is not to stop people from walking the trail, but to build it on the rail bed. The common thought is that we should at least wait until March 2023 when a definitive decision about the rail line will be

made. If the rail project does not proceed, why not put the trail on top of the rail bed? Why the rush? It seems the only thing standing between demolition and destruction is the requirement for Ministry of Environment and Department of Fisheries permits. May sanity prevail! In my travels around Shawnigan Lake, the thing that I hear most is that we treasure and embrace our unique rural character. We love our wilderness, yet, bit by bit, we are losing the precious ecological systems that we have left. Sure, it might be a bit here, a bit there, but ultimately it all adds up. And in this time of climate crisis and ever diminishing biodiversity, we cannot afford to keep carving up the ecosystems we have left to us. These are the systems that cool the earth, produce our oxygen, purify our water and give us the gifts of nature. Let us steward them with respect.

#### **VICTORIA AQUA SKI CLUB ANNUAL NOVICE TOURNAMENT**



SHAWNIGAN LAKE, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>

**3 EVENTS** Trick \* Jump \* Slalom

FRIDAY | REGISTRATION - 5PM TILL DARK \* \$35 for First Event \* \$5 for each Additional Event \*

ALL COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE -WSWBC Membership/Registration - REQUIRED - \$40

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#### **Small Homes Need Protection**

Eric J. Ronse

We live in an age of homelessness and of a shortage of available rentals. It is necessary to look at the parameters which are set, in an effort to combat these issues given a modicum of reasonable political will!

Many recent features have been printed in the Times *Colonist,* yet nothing constructive has been achieved on a large scale. Allow me some observations.

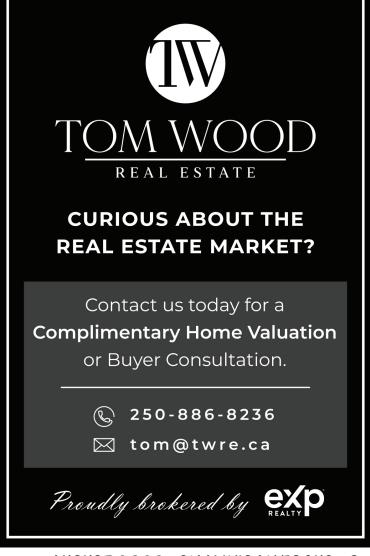
Inspectors should under-

stand that their primary responsibility is to support the directions of the City Councils. Small homes ought to be provided protection from eviction, not because an inspector finds a clause he or she can rely on to begin the eviction

process. All such homes should be provided an address and added to the tax register. Existing small homes should be "grandfathered" and added to the pool referred to above. Small homes connected to hydro, waste disposal and potable water must

remain on the register of approved homes. Tenants or owners must be given reasonable time to meet these requirements, if any of these basic services are absent or not functional. Most importantly, inspectors should be stripped of their authority to evict unless any of the three above-mentioned connections are absent. The time to act is now. People need to know that they will have a roof and ancillary protections well in advance of the Octo-

ber rains.



#### **South Cowichan Policing**

With Gratitude - In Memory of Our Dot

Sarah Davidge-Cardinal SCCPAS

It is with gratitude, that I write this article, of our appreciation for our dearest Dorothy (Dot) Garbet. She passed away on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we are so thankful for who she was and all that she contributed to not only South Cowichan Com-



munity Policing but to our lives, such a joy and heart of gold. She will be missed. Sending love and prayers to her family and all the communities she touche. Dot (which is what we called her) wrote an article for the Seniors Safety Communication Network *Newsletter*. She was more than happy to have it published. That was just like Dot, always willing and ready to volunteer. A few snippets from the article that she wrote. "I volunteered for Friendly Phones at the start of the program with Shirley Walker, thinking that a morning chat with a lonely person in the community would be fun and enlightening. I was just newly widowed. My Monday morning

job, after making the calls and reports, was to chart the week's calls so progress could be seen, I staffed the office until noon. Now, I make the calls from home, and report to the office and staff by email. This works very well. My clients have become personal friends who ask me "how I am" before I can ask them. It's a good start to my day." Dot enjoyed gardening, travelling, hiking, and volunteering. She often travel to some

new exotic destination:

Europe, England, South America, Cambodia, Vietnam, France, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, the Hawaiian Islands, USA, Cuba, and China. We would look forward to her return and the stories that she would share of her hiking and exploring. Dot's smile was contagious, and she will be dearly missed by this community. We want to send love and support to her family and all the lives she touched. Thank you, Dorothy Garbet (Dot), ... Safe travels... to your final destination...

# Shawnigan Lake Rotary EcoClub



Kim Barnard and Kim Grahame spent time litter picking our village parks at Elsie Miles and Shawnigan Wharf, the day after Canada Day! Moms making it safer for toddlers and pets, and especially looking for any potentially hazardous litter to remove - from broken glass to cigarette butts. (Let's all take extra care out there in these dry conditions!)



Our EcoClub is helping harvest the produce at Frances Kelsey Secondary School garden, to take to the Mill Bay Food Bank! Eco-Club member Gordie Robinson picked all of this lettuce for early morning delivery. (QMS student volunteer Chloe Pyne-Mercier making a delivery of fresh greens for the Mill Bay Food Bank.)



# St. John's Academy Spotlight



# Sports and Outdoor Studies at St. John's Academy

One of the favourite days of the week for our students is Wilderness Wednesday's. It's the day when, rain or shine, St. John's Academy (SJA) takes the curriculum outside.

The campus is uniquely situated between the forest and the lake. It's not uncommon to see the students exploring the forest and all the life within it, or spending time on the waterfront studying the vegetation native to the lake. With September only a month away and school will be back in session, SJA is looking forward to moving forward with its plan to further expand its nature and sports-minded offerings through its proposed expansion. Albeit a few years away, the plans include additional sports facilities which will be open to the community and waterfront activities.

If you haven't already visited the SJA website, please do so to see what SJA is proposing, or for a tour of the campus please contact:

John D'Arcy, Head of School john.darcy@stjohnsacademy.ca





During the last school term, students created shelter designs and approached this design from First Peoples learning principles. The students focused on the concept of working with nature and used their natural environment to create designs that worked with nature and not against it. - Mr. Pepper



Design with Grade 8's and 9's

The grade 8 and 9 design students have been designing more STEM-based creations - this time outside. In one class, they had to make a raft, bow and arrow, and a catapult. - Ms. Keller

## Everyone just saw a drunk indian

#### Jared Qwustenuxun Williams

Writer & Educator

One of my close family friends was quite the drinker when I was young. I remember him being so far gone one night that he passed out in his bowl of soup. There were times when we'd drive past him passed out on the side of the road, down black bridge, or in the jungles. Some people even referred to him as a jungle bunny at some points in his life. Many times, my dad would pick him up and bring him home and we'd feed him, nurture him, and bring him back to life...only for him to be out a week later in the same state. All these years

later I think of him often. Not because he was drunk, missing teeth, or homeless, but because he was a knowledge holder.

People think of knowledge holders in stereotypes. People expect elders, or upstanding indigenous people, to be knowledge holders. The truth is, I get told all the time that I am younger than people expected. But no one thinks of people like my friend as a knowledge holder. A drunk homeless guy, dressed in rags, living under the bridge. But there are probably as many, or more, knowledge holders that fit the latter description than the former. My family friend told me about old fishing sites.

He knew where all the ancient fishing weirs were and when he was sober, he could tell me what families owned the weirs. He knew about salmon runs and species. He talked about different smoking methods and woods for cooking and smoking. He told me about how his Elders talked about the many waterfalls that were once on the Cowichan river and he even knew about the old up river village sites. He knew how to make a spear with only bushcraft, no metal or string. He knew more than he ever shared with me, and he shared so much with me that I wouldn't be myself without him.

He had children that he loved, that were taken

away. He had a partner that he loved that left him. He had a home that he lost. All from drinking. All from a trauma that he never talked about. In my life, I spent countless hours with him, but he never talked about his youth, his time in a residential school, nothing about himself. I can only assume it was buried at the bottom of a sea of addiction. Last year I was talking to him. He was mostly sober and still homeless, but seemed happy and content. He told me of the S'amuna weir, on the reserve where I live. He wanted to take me to it and show me the remains still sticking out of the mud. But, I was with my kids and so I said another time.

Two months later, he overdosed and died on his 60th birthday.

Don't judge people who are suffering. Some of them are the most intelligent and beautiful people you'll ever meet, and you'll never meet them if you don't give them a chance. I've said it before. If you saw a holocaust survivor drunk on the street, chances are you might try and help them. It should be no different with the survivors of residential school. Hurt people need compassion, love, and respect, just like the rest of us.

"Addiction is not a choice that anybody makes; it's not a moral failure. What it actually is: it's a response to human suffering." Gabor Maté.

#### **South Cowichan Arts Guild**

#### **Jennie Stevens**

What a great community we have, filled with so many connections!

I have just returned from yet another heartwarming evening at Music in The Park, where families of all ages gather every Thursday evening during the summer to listen (for free) to local musicians, and connect with family, friends and community. What a safe and joyful family-friendly event!

The numbers keep grow-

ing and it is no wonder, as people can expect to enjoy great music, and, this year, CSAG (Cowichan South Arts Guild) has partnered with CHES (Cobble Hill Events Society) to also offer an INSPIRE! Youth Arts Tent where a weekly average of 60 - 65 young participants create a variety of different projects.

Parents and grandparents often lend a hand to the facilitators, who hardly have a moment to breathe with the popularity of the program! Join us and check out the 'Outdoor Youth Art Gallery' which has past & current projects made by the children.

We are looking for volunteers aged 15 years and older to help facilitate these arts activities now, and in the Fall, to help with longer workshops.

Please contact: hello@ cowichansouthartsguild.com if you know of anyone who might be interested.

Check out: www.cowichansouthartsguild.com for more info.

CSAG is grateful to also have partnered with Shawnigan ECOClub Rotary and CVRD to produce the first annual ART IN THE PARK this past



month in Elsie Miles Park. Great music, artists selling and demonstrating their work and participational kids activities made for yet another successful coor-

dination of efforts for the community's benefit. For \$10 a year, you too can help to support more of these opportunities!



#### **Malahat Legion Branch 134**

**G.J. Solley** Malahat Legion

IS THE HOT WEATHER STARTING TO BOTHER YOU?

Everyone is welcome to attend the Malahat Legion every Friday and Saturday AND enjoy our airconditioning. We also have ice for sale – just \$2.50 for members and \$3.50 for nonmembers.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

We are hosting another

COMMUNITY TAILGATE & TABLE FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH

from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Bottle Drives continue to help with our monthly expenses. Our Meat Draws



continues every Saturday from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. (Meat is supplied by Thrifty's.)

All monies raised at the Saturday meat draws must be put in our Gaming Account. Local non-profit charities can 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

The Malahat Legion is starting to plan for future events. Monthly calendars will be available in early September. Our first Friday Community Dinner will be held on September 23rd. followed by a Music Bingo. More information to come.

The Legion is only able to provide activities with the help of volunteers. If you are interested helping, please contact us.

Check our Facebook page and website for dates for YSAG, other clubs, and the darts and pool. Schedules will be posted as we get the information.

YSAG is on its usual summer break. On September 6th the first General Meeting for the year will be held. If you are 55 or over, please come check us out.

YSAG will be holding a kick off BBQ on September 13th at a cost of \$5.00 per person.

# Shawnigan Lake Fire Department

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Department members attended 31 incidents until July 27

- ★ Friday, July 1 − Structure Fire on Wallbank Rd
- ★ Friday, July 1 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
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- ★ Saturday, July 2 Assistance on Culrain Rd
- ★ Sunday, July 3 MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, July 3 -1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, July 4 -1st Responder off Wallbank Rd
- ★ Tuesday, July 5 -1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Saturday, July 9 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, July 11 1st Responder off Ingot Dr
- ★ Monday, July 11 -1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, July 15 − Alarms Activated on

Shawnigan Lake Rd

- ★ Friday, July 15 MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, July 15 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake
- ★ Friday, July 15 -1st Responder off Ingot Dr
- Sunday, July 17 -1st Responder off Heald Rd
- ★ Sunday, July 17 -1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Monday, July 18 -1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Monday, July 18 -1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Wednesday, July 20- 1st Responder offTreit Rd
- ★ Thursday, July 21
   Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake
- ★ Thursday, July 21 -1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Thursday, July 21 -1st Responder off Northgate Rd
- ★ Thursday, July 21 -1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, July 21 -1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Friday, July 22 -1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Friday, July 22 -1st Responder off Treit Rd
- ★ Monday, July 25 -1st Responder off Carlton Rd
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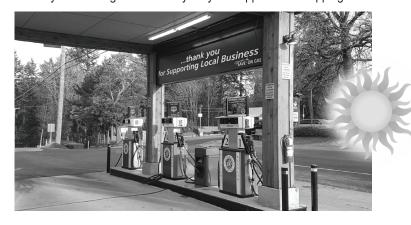


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