



# Shawnigan-Showe'luqun Focus

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"The time when the ground is glistening from frost or ice"

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## Lest We Forget — Remembrance Day

### Malahat Legion Honours Veteran's Service

Jeff Lydiatt  
Malahat Legion

On Thursday, October 24th, 2024, the Malahat Legion, in conjunction with Legions nationwide, hosted a complimentary sit-down dinner to honor living veterans for their selfless service. This long-standing tradition, upheld by Canadian Legions, acknowledges the invaluable contributions of veterans who served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Afghanistan War. The exquisite dinner featured roast beef, mashed potatoes, fresh carrots, peas, and rich brown

gravy. Veterans, RCMP members, widows of veterans, and their caregivers enjoyed the meal and dessert complimentary, while other guests attended for a nominal fee. For those wishing to enhance the evening, a glass of wine was available for purchase, adding a touch of sophistication to the heartfelt tribute.

Hosting a sit-down dinner for 80 veterans and their guests requires considerable preparation. The Malahat Legion utilizes its newsletter to extend invitations via email, complete with an attached reservation form. This approach efficiently filled the guest list, identifying caregivers

and guests in advance. Prudently, a waiting list was also established to accommodate last-minute openings, which proved beneficial as a few attendees cancelled at the eleventh hour.

Experience the Legion's warm hospitality firsthand, as 80 veterans and spouses gather in an elegantly appointed setting featuring white tablecloths, refined centerpieces, wine glasses, fine china, and crisp napkins. Promptly at 5:30 PM, attendees arrive attired in Legion uniforms, Mess dress, or cocktail attire for a pre-dinner cocktail hour. The evening starts with a dignified toast to the fallen, symbolized by the traditional "Fallen Soldier Table" setting on stage. This solemn tribute incorporates deliberate elements: the inverted wine glass signifies absence, while the empty chair honors those who are no longer with us.

The South Cowichan Seniors Group, a community organization acclaimed for its exceptional catering services, expertly prepared the scrumptious dinner complete with cake dessert. Known for their large-scale culinary endeavors, this dedicated group typically provides hot lunches for up to 130



South Cowichan Seniors Serving

seniors every second and fourth Monday during the winter months. Under Gerry Giles's leadership, a team of devoted volunteers used the Farmer's Institute's kitchen facilities to cook the meal, which was then driven to the Legion building in large chafing dishes. We extend our sincerest appreciation to the volunteers who not only cooked the meal but also graciously stayed to serve our honored veterans.

Dinner commenced as Gerry's volunteers efficiently served the guests in a well-

organized lineup. The Malahat Lions Club generously provided additional support, volunteering as servers and 'swampers' to clear empty plates and assist with dishwashing duties. By 7:30 PM, the evening ended, leaving attendees in high spirits and warm camaraderie.



### Shawnigan Lake School Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 13

Shawnigan Lake School invites the entire community to join us for a moving outdoor Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday, November 13. Anyone who wishes to join the school to honour those who served should meet at the flagpole in front of the Main Building at 1:20 p.m. The ceremony will take place outside, so come prepared for the weather!



Shawnigan Cemetery recognition of local veterans

South Cowichan Library

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Drop-In Button Making Workshop happens on Friday and Saturday, Nov 22 & 23, from 2-4pm. Make a personalized button or holiday-themed button for yourself or a friend!

Q&A with WorkBC: Are you or someone you know looking for a new job? Drop in and connect with local WorkBC representatives to find out what supports for available for people looking for employment. Monday, Nov 25, 10am to noon. Free!

Get ready for the Inspired by Reading Book Club, run by the Cowichan South Arts Guild, meeting in December. The December meeting is on Tuesday, 3 Dec, 6:30-8pm and the book being is discussed will be Jennie’s Boy by Wayne Johnston. The library has both the book and the downloadable audiobook. If you’re unsure how to order, please email, call, and drop in for help!

Parent-Child Mother

Goose meets Fridays, 10:30-11:30am for songs, stories, and laptime fun. Last session is Nov 15. For babies and toddlers and their adults. Free and drop-ins are welcome!

Brought to you by the Cowichan Valley Mother Goose Community Collaborative.

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

Tech Help: Drop in Fridays, Saturdays, and Mondays or make an appointment for one-on-one help with a mobile device or laptop.

If you know someone local who is unable to come into the library due to illness or injury, please let them know about our volunteer Home Delivery service. They can get books, audiobooks, and DVDs right at their door monthly.

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

10am - 8pm, Monday and Tuesday

10am - 5pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

Shawnigan Focus Weather — October 2024

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network and Weather Underground  
Reported by Grant Treloar

	October Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Butler Road		Museum		Shawnigan Average	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Average High	14.1	13.7	13.8	14.9	15.2	14.6	15.2	14.6	14.8	14.5	14.8
Average Low	5.8	6.6	6.5	6.0	5.8	4.4	4.7	6.4	6.6	5.9	5.9
Extreme High	28.3	19.8	23.2	20.9	26.2	21.2	26.0	20.6	24.6	20.6	25.0
Extreme Low	-7.2	2.7	-2.2	1.2	-2.9	-0.1	-4.4	1.9	-1.2	1.4	-2.7
Precipitation	114.7	214.0	225.0	157.8	150.4	180.1	215.8	153.2	141.2	176.3	183.1
Days w precip	16	20	13	23	17	20	14	21	13	21	14
Year Precip	830.8	1165.6	890.5	885.7	654.6	979.3	812.7	860.8	577.7	972.9	733.9
				Rank since 1914: 37 <sup>th</sup> warmest, 17 <sup>th</sup> wettest							
				Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27				
Lake Temperature				15°	15°	13°	13°				
Lake Temperature 2023				17°	15°	14°	12°				
Surface Elevation				115.94m	115.87m	116.00m	116.03m				
Surface Elevation 2023				115.83m	115.83m	115.83m	115.91m				

Comments:

The first half of October 2024 was a mixed bag of partly cloudy and a few showery days. The warmest day was on the 12<sup>th</sup> , hovering around 20°

For the next week, fall-like weather settled in with constant rain, peaking on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> with totals over 100 mm in some areas. This was then followed by a few days of sun & cloud, but with cool temperatures.

The final week of the month finished with constant showers and rain to add up to higher mothly totals than normal.

Twelve days had temperatures of 15° or greater, with low temperatures bottoming out on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There was one day of full sun, 7 days with partly cloudy skies and 23 days with cloudy conditions.

Sunset on October 1<sup>st</sup> was 6:52 pm. On the 31<sup>st</sup> it was 5:55 pm, an hour earlier. By the end of November, earlier sunset times will level out, hovering near 4:20 PM into late December, then will start to add a minute or two daily after that.

Lake levels are normal for this time of year, gradually starting to rise by the end of the month with the return of rain, and the lake water temperature continues to be a bit warmer than average.

A Tree is Planted for Love

Kim Barnard  
Shawnigan Rotary  
EcoClub

No impact is too small, and when enough ordinary people take direct action, it adds up to something extraordinary.

Since I moved to Shawnigan I have seen how community members step up to take direct action to improve our community,

from large public actions such as the amazing effort to build a renovated and expanded Shawnigan Lake Museum to the small quieter and often unseen actions such as those that walk the roads weekly picking up other people’s litter.

One of these smaller actions was when a local resident and arborist for Bartlett Tree Experts planted

a sapling tree in the circular garden bed in the middle of the Mason’s parking lot. The bed had been left as an empty rocky space ever since a large conifer was removed due to root damage to the pavement. The arborist cared for the tree over several years hoping it would flourish. In addition, the newly-formed Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub decided

to enhance the barren garden areas around Mason’s adding compost and drought tolerant/bee friendly perennials to the roadside and parking lot gardens surrounding the tree sapling.

Mason’s is an iconic gathering place in Shawnigan where many long-time residents have enduring childhood memories and continue to stop by daily for their baked goods, snacks and coffee breaks.

This last spring, many in the community were devastated when the tree sapling was cut down by vandals along with graffiti painted on the Mason’s building. But this destructive act ignited a desire to repair and restore. Volunteers painted over the graffiti and investigations were conducted to find the

best replacement tree for beauty, drought tolerance and minimal effect to the parking lot pavement.

A Golden Locust Robinia tree was selected and purchased with financial support from St. John’s Academy Paddle-a-thon, Dinter Nursery and Bartlett Tree Experts. In September, a large group of volunteers came out for a two-day work-bee of weeding, soil amending and digging! Our local resident/arborist ensured the tree was properly planted with compost and biochar, staked and fenced for deer proofing. Now we hope with protection and luck, this beautiful tree will grow to 35 feet to be a stunning centrepiece to the



Mason’s property... and inspire new enduring memories.

“A tree stands as a profound metaphor for life, symbolizing growth, resilience, and interconnectedness. Much like our own existence, trees begin as seeds, undergoing a transformative journey as they mature and weather the storms of time.”



# What's Shakin at The Shawnigan Basin Society?

**Shirley Astleford**  
*Shawnigan Basin Society*

SBS Volunteers have been hard at work on the Coldwater Eurasian Milfoil Removal Program, development of a Community Forest Trust Program and assisting Mill Bay and District Conservation Society with their annual fish move as part of the Salmon Enhancement Program. Check out our website for the most recent milfoil action.

A lot of changes to CVRDs Official Community Plans and zoning for electoral areas are imminent. Some very wide-reaching impacts could be brought about

by these changes. SBS volunteers are investing a lot of time to read through all the material to understand the possible environmental impacts for South Cowichan. Do you love reading and mapping comparisons? Send us an email to join the team!

CVRD is seeking public input. Community plans are meant to be led by community members. Please participate!

<https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/the-modernized-official-community-plan-mocp>

The top 3 public inquiries, in October, were about Milfoil, Mines/ Soil Deposits and Water quality. The autumn rains brought

a lot of turbidity into our waterways.

Speaker Series – Thanks to Cheri Ayers for an enlightening presentation on riverscape restoration which is directly applicable to South Cowichan streams, creeks and ditches, in addition to the Xwulqw'selu Sta'lo' (Koksilah River).

SBS will be hosting more speaker's series events in village to round out the year. Email us with the topics you are most interested in learning more about. [admin@shawniganbasinsociety.org](mailto:admin@shawniganbasinsociety.org)

Gratitude to our 50/50 Raffle Winner for his generous donation straight

back to the Society. Giving Season Begins on Tuesday the 1st of November. Want to keep the doors open at the SBS Volunteer Centre? Donate today. Make it monthly to earn an entry into our prize draw.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/shawnigan-basin-society/>

Join in on a General meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month 7-9pm



Photo: Shirley Astleford Xwulqw'selu Sta'lo' (Koksilah River). October 19 & 20, 2024

# Your Chance to Sing with an Orchestra

**Sylvan United Church**

Sylvan United Church is thrilled to welcome back the Victoria Baroque Youth Orchestra who will reprise their presentation of Part I of Handel's Messiah (The Christmas part) this December 14th. But for people who want to do more than just watch, there's

a special opportunity for them.

This November drop-in rehearsals begin for a Sing-Along performance of the famous work where audience members sing the choruses - four movements from the Christmas Story and then, to end the occasion, the "greatest hit" Hallelujah Chorus which

usually lives in Part II.

"We hosted two performances last year, a Candlelit Messiah in the evening and the Sing-Along Messiah in the afternoon. I'm trained to strive for my most refined performance possible, it was thrilling and very freeing to be part of a performance where the emphasis was on the

sheer joy of singing" said soprano Eve Daniell who helps coordinate the performances and will be a soloist in the performances.

The Youth Orchestra is made up of young musicians from Victoria and the Cowichan Valley. They play in the Baroque era style, part of which means playing with a

focus on collaboration as this era pre-dated the use of a conductor. Soloists include Ciara Beaudin (mezzo soprano), Adam Dyjach (tenor), and Kyron Basu (baritone).

All are welcome to join the Sing-Along chorus. Tickets and more information are available at <https://sylvanunited.ca/>

Rehearsals will be Sundays, 11.20 - 12.20, from Nov 17 - Dec 8.



**ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY**  
**SHAWNIGAN LAKE**



## Remembrance Day

Students at St. John's Academy will honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty during the First World War at our annual Remembrance Day School Assembly. We will gain an understanding of how the war touched the lives of Canadians of all ages and all races. Fathers, sons, daughters, sweethearts: they were killed in action, they were wounded, and thousands who returned were forced to live the rest of their lives with the physical and mental scars of war.

We encourage all students to wear a poppy as a visual pledge to never forget those who served and sacrificed.

Join us on Monday November the 11th, from 10:00am - 12:00pm, for Remembrance Day in Cobble Hill.

To book a tour of St. John's Academy please contact Jenny Boomer at [admissions@sjasl.ca](mailto:admissions@sjasl.ca)

## Biodiversity and Conservation

**Linda Gregory**  
*Shawnigan Basin Society*

The global Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was established at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit with three main goals, including the conservation of biological diversity.

Biological diversity is a collective term, usually shortened to biodiversity, that refers to all living organisms on earth and includes genes as well. It is more frequently used with respect to species in a particular ecosystem or area. A famous naturalist E.O. Wilson said, "it is the stuff of life". It encompasses all the interactions within and between species. The role

that each species plays in ecosystem dynamics is not always known, but we know that the effects of human activities such as clearcut logging or introduction of invasive species on biodiversity are negative. In addition, the roles of different species within an ecosystem vary, with some acting as keystone species. Loss of a keystone species can greatly alter the ecosystem structure. Unfortunately, the roles of species are frequently determined only after they are endangered or lost.

Biodiversity is what conservation biologists aim to conserve. Biologists take two general approaches to conservation. The first is preventing loss

of biodiversity before it is threatened seriously. The second approach is ameliorative or reactive and is more urgent as it applies to species that are approaching extinction.

In general, reactive actions focus on single species or a few species, whereas preventative conservation is more oriented towards overall biodiversity. Both the theory and practise of proactive and reactive conservation are highly quantitative, requiring sound knowledge of statistics.

Ideally, preventative conservation is based on knowledge of the state of biodiversity over time as detected or shown by monitoring programs. The data from such surveys

can be summarized as indices meant to represent species richness (number of species), species evenness (uniformity of distribution), and species diversity (richness and evenness). Although these indices usually apply to species, they can also be used to study other forms of biological diversity, e.g. genetic or ecosystem diversity. However, the data for such studies can be difficult to obtain and may be highly biased. Furthermore, different indices are based on different principles and can yield quite different conclusions for the same set of data. Thus, there is a debate among conservation biologists about the utility of these indices.

Despite these kinds of issues, we can still contribute to conservation

by focusing on conserving habitat and protecting the species therein. One such initiative is happening in British Columbia. The BC government, in partnership with Indigenous nations and communities, has committed to protecting 30% of lands and water by 2030 - the 30 by 30 movement. The Shawnigan Basin Society working with different groups and individuals, including the CVRD and the University of Victoria forest biologists is aiming to protect forest ecosystems of different ages in the Shawnigan watershed.

What can we do in our own neighbourhoods? Some simple actions are to maintain as many trees and shrubs as possible, plant native plants in gardens and not create and mow large areas of grass.

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## South Cowichan Arts Guild

**Diane Mellott**  
*CSAG*

Have you been finding time in your lives for some form of creativity?

We have been reflecting on this year's calendar of successful activities

and events hosted by the Cowichan South Arts Guild and want to send our gratitude to the small and mighty group of dedicated volunteers that serve the community bringing opportunities for creativity into our lives.

Not only does CSAG offer regular programming, with SamplerWorkshops, Acoustic Jams, Inspired By Reading Bookclub and Creator's Circle (replacing Fearless Friday Painters and Maker Circle), they also host popular events such as the Spotlight Coffee House Series, 4 cozy evenings with amazing musical performances combined with visual arts (local emerging and established artists) and The Art of Storytelling Festival, co-hosted with Shawnigan Museum, including an evening of live Storytelling followed by a free family afternoon of Storytelling - joyful, dynamic and skilled Storytellers helping to keeping this age-old tradition alive.

Summer brought CSAG's 3rd overwhelmingly successful year of 'Art Tent' (now hosted by a beautiful new Community Arts Caravan 'Whimsy') at Cobble Hill's Music in the Park, with btw 80 - 100 children (truthfully!) creating art every Thursday evening!

'Whimsy' also did POP UP at various community events, including Earth Day and Storytelling Nook at the SLCA Fall Festival, as well as at the Community Singalongs hosted quarterly by CSAG at Shawnigan Pavilion.

Whew!!!! And did you know that all of this is supported in the background by programming and events coordinators; volunteer and outreach coordinators; social media, accounting; grant writing; marketing and advertising; article writing; community liaison, etc - with just five intrepid board members and a handful of volunteers filling all these roles! We ARE feeling pretty proud of ourselves but oh my, we could certainly use some help!

The CSAG board brings a wide variety of creative opportunities to South Cowichan and we are struggling to keep up with the demand! We heartily welcome community minded volunteers (the team is growing thankfully, AND WE STILL NEED MORE, to join us & experience the connected, cohesive spirit that our board is so proud of.

AND, you don't have to be an artist! Many skills are needed, including tech, accounting, organizational, communication, media, writing, advertising & promotion... and we hope to find a co-secretary to help with answering emails! We have loads of great ideas, a super strong foundation and just need more people power to continue to be sustainable!

If you are interested in helping out in ANY capacity, but especially the ones listed above, please contact Jennie or Diane at [hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com](mailto:hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com)

## Christmas In Our Village

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**4PM to 6:30PM**



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Local Business Participation  
Mill Bay Lions - Popcorn  
On-Street Ball Hockey Game  
SLCA Candy Cane Tree

**Hosted by the SLCA - Shawnigan Lake Community Association**

Visit our website for more information :  
[www.shawniganlakecommunityassociation.ca](http://www.shawniganlakecommunityassociation.ca)



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Shawnigan Lake Museum

Lori Treloar  
Executive Director  
Shawnigan Lake Museum

Another month of construction is behind us but, unfortunately, it is not yet done. Having said that, we have a lot happening behind the scenes as we prepare for takeover.

Two of our volunteers, Pieter and Gary, built and installed the new

kitchen cabinets, which look fantastic. We have one cabinet left to go before the countertops can be installed. The appliances are in, other than a dishwasher... which needs to be a commercial dishwasher so that we can prepare and serve food from the kitchen.

Grant, who is pretty much a full-time volunteer, moved most of the items that were in the rented storage units into the new onsite museum storage. Gary and Grant built the shelves and filled them. This storage room is a huge benefit that will



save the museum time and money.

We have had some exciting new exhibit pieces installed with more to come...

We are working on organizing the gift shop area and have some great new items to offer. We hope to be able to open the gift shop in December for Christmas shopping...stay tuned.

Also, we are planning an exciting art show/sale for December, just in time for Christmas. Robert Amos (Victoria) and Judy Cadorette (Shawnigan Lake) have been working on original 'Shawnigan' paintings for this show. It will be a great opportunity to grab the perfect gift for anyone who loves Shawnigan. Watch for details...

We sincerely thank the people in the community, full time and summer residents, who already support the museum as members; the new members who have joined recently and all of the people who have stepped forward to be part of our volunteer



team. A big shout out to Grant Treloar and Jill Camden who have been stalwart volunteers for years.

2025 is going to be a great year for the museum! We can't wait to invite you in!



November at the Malahat Legion

Regular Hours

Fridays and Saturdays

- Bar 1:00-7:00 PM
- Kitchen 1:00-4:30 PM

Drop-in Events

Wednesdays

- Crib 1:00-3:30 PM
- Mahjong Lessons 1:00-3:30 PM

Fridays

- Euchre - 2:00-4:00 PM
- Mahjong - 1:00-3:30 PM

Saturdays

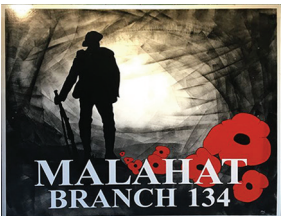
- Meat Draws 3:00-5:00 PM

Special events:

- November 11th - Cobble Hill Remembrance Day  
10 AM - Service at the Cobble Hill Community Centre, Archbishop Andrew Hutchinson officiant.  
10:30 AM - Short March to the Cobble Hill Cenotaph  
11 AM - Act of Remembrance Ceremony  
12 PM - Legion open - Everyone Welcome
- November 17th - Legion open for Grey Cup. See the game on our large-screen TV.
- November 24th - Check out our Christmas Market for custom gifts.
- November 29th - Newfie Christmas Party with Tom Morrissey and Ian Todd

More information on our website:  
<https://malahatlegion.ca>

More Legion events are available at  
<https://malahatlegion.ca/upcoming-legion-events/>



Sylvan United Church

Judy van der Boom

Sylvan United Church is celebrating its 20th Anniversary with a luncheon on November 10 after the regular church service. Come and reacquaint with people you may not have seen for a while. Share your memories of the early days of Sylvan United Church and the pilgrimages you undertook prior to the building of the current church building.

For more information please email: [tjboom2@gmail.com](mailto:tjboom2@gmail.com)

Sylvan Women Together in Faith are getting ready for their annual Christmas Tea and would like to invite you to the tea and bake sale. Come and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas tea on November 23rd from 2-4 pm, and check out the delicious baking for sale. This year we will add crafts and trinkets for sale. Tickets for the tea are available at the door.



MALAHAT LEGION #134

2024 POPPY CAMPAIGN

OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>



The ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION'S **ANNUAL POPPY CAMPAIGN** kicked off on Friday, October 25th. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who have already supported this crucial fundraising initiative. The campaign directly benefits local veterans, their families, and retired RCMP members, providing vital assistance and resources.

To contribute, please complete the poppy envelope with a cheque payable to **RCL134 Poppy** and mail it back or deposit it in the designated drop box at the Shawnigan Lake Legion's front door. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those served.

**WREATH ORDERS** will be accepted until Thursday, November 7th online - [MalahatLegion.ca](https://malahatlegion.ca), by email - [rcl134@shaw.ca](mailto:rcl134@shaw.ca), or drop by the Legion any Friday or Saturday.

Poppies are now available in stores and at schools until November 11<sup>th</sup>

THE MALAHAT LEGION WILL BE OPEN AFTER THE SERVICE  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

November 11<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Day 2024 - PROGRAM

- |          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| 10:00 AM | Service at Cobble Hill Hall      |
| 10:30 AM | Parade to Cobble Hill Cenotaph   |
| 10:55 AM | Ceremony at Cobble Hill Cenotaph |

MALAHAT LEGION BRANCH #134

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October 2024 Report

Department Members Attended 45 Incidents in October

Tuesday, Oct 1 - 1st Responder off Bob'O Link Rd  
Wednesday, Oct 2 – Alarms Activated on Robin Hill Dr  
Wednesday, Oct 2 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Wednesday, Oct 2 – Structure Fire on Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Wednesday, Oct 2 - 1st Responder off Baldy Mountain Rd  
Wednesday, Oct 2 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Thursday, Oct 3 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Thursday, Oct 3 – Alarms Activated on W Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Friday, Oct 4 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Saturday, Oct 5 - 1st Responder off Belleneden Rd  
Sunday, Oct 6 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Mill Bay Rd  
Sunday, Oct 6 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Sunday, Oct 6 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Tuesday, Oct 8 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Tuesday, Oct 8 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Thursday, Oct 10 – Alarms Activated on Skylar Cir  
Friday, Oct 11 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Saturday, Oct 12 – Burning Complaint on Highland Ridge Rd  
Saturday, Oct 12 – Burning Complaint on Owl Rd  
Sunday, Oct 13 – MVI on Cameron-Taggart Rd  
Sunday, Oct 13 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd  
Monday, Oct 14 – MVI on Cameron-Taggart Rd  
Tuesday, Oct 15 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd  
Wednesday, Oct 16 – Alarms Activated on Wylde Wood Ave  
Wednesday, Oct 16 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Thursday, Oct 17 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Friday, Oct 18 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Friday, Oct 18 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Friday, Oct 18 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Saturday, Oct 19 – Burn Pile on Owl Rd  
Sunday, Oct 20 – MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Tuesday, Oct 22 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Tuesday, Oct 22 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Tuesday, Oct 22 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Thursday, Oct 24 - 1st Responder off Sherburn Rd  
Thursday, Oct 24 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd  
Friday, Oct 25 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd  
Friday, Oct 25 - 1st Responder off Inn Rd  
Friday, Oct 25 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd  
Saturday, Oct 26 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Saturday, Oct 26 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd  
Sunday, Oct 27 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd  
Monday, Oct 28 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd  
Wednesday, Oct 30 – Alarms Activated on Peterbrook Rd

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# Crofton Seashore

**Robert Amos**  
*Artist & Author*

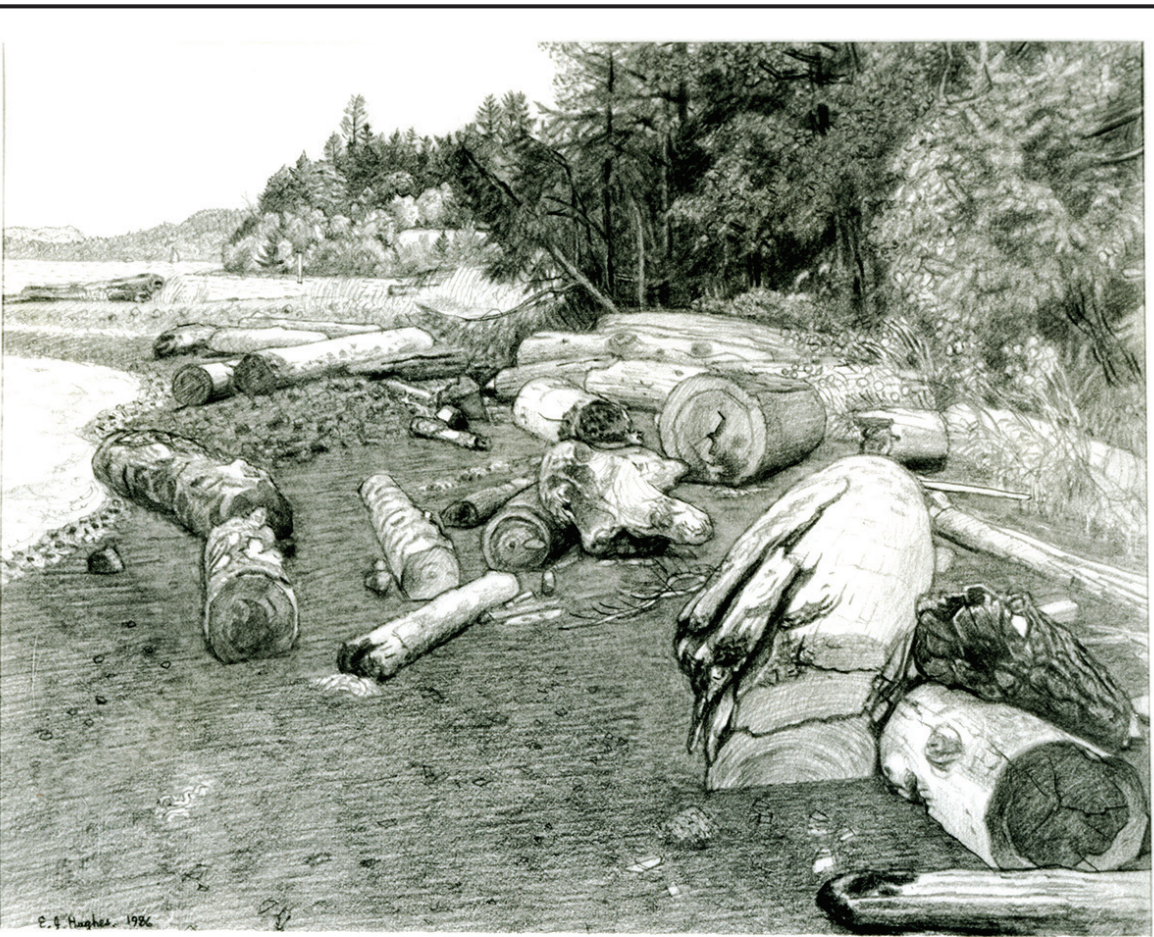
Artist E. J. Hughes (1913-2007) had a stellar national reputation, and all of his works were sold through an exclusive contract with Montreal’s Dominion Gallery. He cultivated a realist style at a time when the art world was committed to abstraction. This fame aside, Hughes was a very private person, living at Shawnigan Lake and Duncan, and he avoided art events of all sorts - with an unusual exception.

Hughes felt a commitment to attend exhibitions by amateur art groups in the Cowichan Valley. On May 19, 1969 he shared his feelings in a letter to his sister Zoe, herself an amateur artist: “The Cowichan Valley arts society called the Crofton Art Group is small enough for every member to be represented in their semi-annual shows, thank goodness. I really enjoy going to them and viewing the sincere paintings over and over.”

The local art groups hoped he would drop in, and he knew how much it meant to them to make an appearance. But they knew not to expect a speech at the opening

or a personal critique by Mr. Hughes. The Cowichan Valley Leader noted that on June 15 1969 Hughes “spent several hours looking at the pictures at the Maple Bay Painters Art show. He expressed interest in the calibre of the artwork in such a new and small group.”

Hughes didn’t feel the same way about the more prestigious organizations. He had been elected to the Canadian Group of Painters in 1948, nominated by A. Y. Jackson and George Pepper, but from the start his relationship with the Group was rocky. In the fall of 1952, he received a postcard from them informing him that “the works presented for the 1952-1953 Exhibition were rejected by the Jury of Selection”. Saddened, on October 15, 1952 Hughes wrote to his dealer, Max Stern: “Although it is a shock and surprise for me to receive such news, I feel that I understand why my work was not accepted – the prevailing taste is for abstract and non-objective painting, and my work is headed in the opposite direction.” He resigned from the Group



E. J. Hughes: Seashore at Crofton, 1986. Pencil.

in 1959.

In his May 19, 1969 letter to Zoe he explained why he rarely attended exhibits by larger groups: “I very seldom enjoy a professional show. I saw a Canadian Group of Painters show at the Victoria Art Gallery and the painting I considered worst in the whole show (it resembled thick mud and an unmentionable substance oozing down the surface of the whole canvas) was awarded by

the jury the first prize of \$1,000. I was glad I had already resigned from the Group. The jury, in awarding this prize, was obviously trying to avoid the pretty, the trite and the picturesque, but that was going a little too far in the other direction.”

Throughout his life, Hughes gave his patronage to the local amateurs. In another letter to Zoe, on June 1970 had this to say:

“[My wife] Fern and I occasionally buy a painting when we see one we really like at the Crofton Art Group exhibitions. Although I am a professional painter, I enjoy most the amateur painters’ shows as there are less of the huge coloured rectangles and more of the paintings of scenes and people and still lives, which are mostly very sincerely felt.”

# Election Results 2024



Juan de Fuca-Malahat is a provincial riding located on Vancouver Island. It is a new riding created ahead of the 2024 election.

Following the 2020 provincial election, the

Electoral Boundaries Commission was required to complete a redistribution of seats.

After the final report was released, an act was passed in 2023 to increase seats in the

B.C. legislature from 87 to 93. This includes four new ridings in the Lower Mainland, one on Vancouver Island, and one in the Interior.

In addition, 72 ridings had their boundaries



adjusted. Forty-one ridings had their names changed. Juan de Fuca-Malahat was created using boundaries that closely reflect the old riding of Malahat-Juan de Fuca, which was used from 1991 to 2009. It comprises the southern tip of Vancouver Island, including Sooke, Metchosin, Malahat and Mill Bay.

Final results: (after recount)		
<b>Dana Lajeunesse</b> BC NDP		
9,308	38.79%	
<b>Marina Sapozhnikov</b> Conservative Party		
9,167	38.20%	
<b>David Evans</b> BC Green Party		
5,522	23.01%	