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In Memory of John Horgan (August 7, 1959 – November 12, 2024)

Robert Amos
Artist & Author

In pursuit of my study of the paintings of E. J. Hughes, I felt I needed to get out on the water of Shawnigan Lake and find the sites he painted. My friend Keith Bridge has a place on the lake and I asked him if he could take me out for a boat ride. He was happy to oblige.

Keith called me one evening in August 2019 and we arranged to meet at his place on the West Arm the next morning. When I arrived, he mentioned that he had invited a friend of his to join us, and within a few minutes the friend arrived - it was John Horgan, then Premier of British Columbia.

Without any formality we three lads piled into Keith's boat and got out on the water. I knew that Hughes had painted a view of Old Baldy from his boat anchored in the centre of the lake. "I have tried to paint the impression I have of the lake near our home, on a summer week day, when it was very quiet," he wrote on June 27 1961 in a letter to Max Stern, his dealer.

Hughes continued: "(On weekends there are, of course, many more boats and water skiers and swimmers on the lake). In case anyone wonders about the two ropes on the boat deck, the left hand, thinner rope is

attached to an anchor, which I had overboard while sketching the original pencil sketch." Hughes soon gave up this practice because people kept coming by to ask if he was in trouble.

Next, I asked Keith to take me to Rose Island, and with a print of Hughes's painting in hand, we cruised back and forth trying to line up the position of the painting, though eventually we realized that Hughes had sketched the island from the shore.

At this point Horgan suggested that we drop in on Arcadia, a cottage property originally owned by Bruce Hutchison, the famous journalist. As we made our way there, Horgan told us that as a teenager he had greatly admired Hutchison and during his summer vacations Horgan was hired by Hutchison to split wood for the fireplace. As it turned out, after about ten minutes of woodcutting, Hutchison would begin to regale the young man with stories drawn from his deep political understanding, and that soon put paid to the day's work.

We motored into the Arcadia dock and made our way up to the cottage, where we were met by Robert Hutchison, Bruce's son, and his wife. It was like old home week, with reminiscences flying all



around. For my purposes, I wandered off and discovered the cabin by the shore which Bruce Hutchison had built as his writing retreat. He tells the story of how he built it in his memoir *A Life in the Country* (Douglas and McIntyre, 1988). With permission,

I settled in to paint a view of the historic little "bunkie" by the shore.

While the others caught up on stories of old times, I finished my painting just as young Luca Hutchison - Bruce's great grandson - came by with a tray of baked salmon, brie and salad, sent out

by his mother. "She's Italian, and nobody gets away without being fed," he explained. After I did justice to the fine food, we all gathered for a round of photos to commemorate the occasion.

What a marvellous day at the lake!



Keith Bridges, John Horgan, Robert Hutchison, Robert Amos

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Kids Art Hive is an art program for children happening on Saturday, Jan 4 and 18, at 10:30am, hosted by Jasper Art Therapy. Create art inspired by nature and natural materials.

The Inspired by Reading Book Club, run by the Cowichan South Arts Guild, meets in January on Tuesday, Jan 7, 6:30-8pm. The book being discussed will be *Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. Also, it's time to start next month's *Fire Weather: the Making of a Beast* by John Vaillant (Feb 4)!

The Learning with Syeyutsus lunchtime lecture series to starting up again. Register to watch an hour-long series here: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/8121212121>

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Intermediate Conversational Spanish meets 6:30 to

7:30pm on Tuesdays. Drop in to practice Spanish in a casual setting.

Conversational Scottish Gaelic is a fun way for people interested in learning Scottish Gaelic to practice together. Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm.

Intermediate Chess meets Wednesdays at 1pm. For experienced players looking for matches.

Tech Help: Drop by or call to make an appointment for one-on-one help with a mobile device or laptop.

Book a Librarian: do you need help researching? Would you like a 1-on-1 session on using the library catalogue or digital books and audiobooks? Want to work on your information literacy? Let's meet!

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 delivered to 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

Reduced Sediment Entering Shawnigan Lake since the passage of the amended soil deposit bylaw

Bernhard Juurlink
Vice-President Shawnigan Basin Society

Each month Cliff Evans and usually another member of the SBS does a survey of the watershed in the vicinity of Shawnigan Lake. On December 1st he was joined by Dave Munday and myself. As we were observing South (Upper) Shawnigan Creek at the West Shawnigan Road bridge, Cliff made the comment on how clean the creek waters were for the past few years.

Before the CVRD instituted the Soil Deposit Bylaw, there was unregulated soil and fill deposition, mainly coming from the Capital Regional District, in South Cowichan, particularly in Area B. This unregulated deposition resulted in a large amount of sediment entering creeks that ultimately flowed into Shawnigan Lake.

One would often see large silt plumes

entering Shawnigan Lake, particularly via South Shawnigan Creek as can be seen in the accompanying photo. This silt carried nutrients that promoted the growth of Eurasian watermilfoil, algae and blue-green algae (cyanobacteria). At that time one of the efforts of the SBS was to have the CVRD institute a Soil Deposit Bylaw that would regulate the soil and fill deposition in a manner that protected the watershed.

In April of 2019, the CVRD approved a Soil Deposit Bylaw, initially proposed in 2018 (Bylaw #4236), that became in effect on June 1, 2020. There were many deficiencies in this bylaw, for example, it allowed the deposition of large volumes of fill in residential areas. The SBS pushed for further changes that would better protect the watershed. In 2021 an amended Soil Deposit Bylaw

(#4380) was passed - <https://www.cvr.ca/DocumentCenter/View/101121/4380---Soil-Deposit-Bylaw>

In this amended Bylaw, the deposit of less than 100 m³ of soil requires a Type A permit, deposits of between 100 and 1,000 m³ are not allowed in a 'residential zone' and requires a Type B permit. Deposit of more than 1,000 m³ can only occur in areas zoned as commercial or industrial and requires a Type C permit.

Although we think that waterways can still be better protected, since the amended bylaw came into effect the waters entering the lake have become much cleaner. If you see fill being deposited in a manner that does not comply with the Soil Deposit Bylaw, please contact the Bylaw Officer at the CVRD (250-746-2655) or let us know and we will contact the Bylaw Officer.



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Gingerbread Lady of Shawnigan Lake Celebrates 20 Years!

Kim Barnard
Gingerbread Lady

I'm the local maker behind www.KimsGingerbread.com based here in Shawnigan Lake - and here's my story of how I built a livelihood baking holiday treats for so many of you!

Looking back 20 years ago, it was a necessity. We had been posted in 2002-03 to Japan, where I began giving little gingerbread cookies as gifts there. Upon returning to Canada, within months my husband was laid off when his company relocated to the mainland. We rationed his severance to last us throughout what became a really tough year. Approaching the Christmas season, we were hard-pressed to make ends meet, and our kitchen cupboards were bare. Down to our last few dollars and despairing, trying to figure out how that was going to stretch to be a tree, a turkey, and all of the holiday trimmings. During that time, our oldest came home from school and said, "Hey, there's going to be a Craft Fair! Could we book a table and maybe sell some baking or something?"

Between her enthusiasm, and the kindness of the Craft Fair coordinator to coach us along, we scaled up my mom's recipe into gingerbread production. It was an incredible experience!

I entrusted my husband and my dad to run the table that Friday afternoon with a few containers of hand-decorated bite-sized gingerbread. I finished work and entered the gymnasium not knowing what to expect. They were grinning! "Kim, we sold everything already! The event continues tomorrow, so you need to go home and bake!" Determined, I stayed up all night and managed to get a few more assortments together. They sold out, we took orders, and by the end of that first December, not only could we fulfill our own holiday wishes, but we were able to fill the cupboards again plus give back to others. Ever since, I make a point of giving to the Food Bank too! Most of all, I learned that giving these cookies is one of the best feelings in the world because they create happiness - and guaranteed smiles - wherever they go. My wish is that others could feel the same thrill and hope that I do, surrounded by work that I love.

Fast-forward 20 years, and it's absolutely magical being in my kitchen! I've got twinkle lights everywhere, and gingerbread-themed decor. People started supporting my efforts so, over time, I've become "the Gingerbread Lady of Shawnigan Lake", building relationships with wonderful repeat customers. There's 25 cookies in every box and for context, I've easily made 550 boxes since the end of October 2024. Many of the orders I filled this December were booked a year in advance!

I'm so honoured that families have made these cookies a part of their

holiday traditions. I also get to build displays for delightful fundraisers! Always, there's a sublime feeling on Christmas morning, as I can almost hear the sound of the box lids opening! Families have saved my cookies until their special celebrations together.

The season is so many different things to so many different people, but I like to call this Bitesize Christmas. You can share a box and it can brighten someone's day! Many people choose to send them in parcels, so we can add a small airbag inside each lid. Perhaps they will travel to a student who is homesick, or be

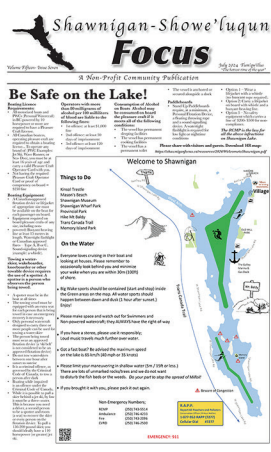
sent to friends in different countries. It's always been a point of connection and love between the giver and the receiver, and that means a lot to me.

Speaking of love, my biggest fan is my dad, and it's he who gave me my middle name of Noelle, aka Christmas! He has never complained about having to wait for his cookies, and even shops for me while thrifting for the cutest gingerbread decor. My husband and children also cheer me on! I'm looking forward to the next season already and feeling so supported by my family and community.

Thank you Shawnigan!



Shawnigan Focus - 2024 in Review



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Shawnigan Weather - December 2024 & Annual Report

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network and Weather Underground

Reported by Grant Treloar



Weather Icon	Dec Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Butler Road		Discovery School		Museum		Shawnigan Average	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2023	2023
Average High°	5.6	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.9	8.2	8.5	7.9	8.4	7.8	8.1
Average Low°	0.5	2.6	3.2	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.8	2.3	3.4	2.1	2.9
Extreme High°	16.0	10.7	12.3	11.0	12.5	12.0	12.4	11.0	12.5	11.2	12.4
Extreme Low°	-15.0	-0.7	-0.8	-2.1	-2.4	-0.9	-1.4	-1.3	-0.8	-1.3	-1.4
Precipitation(mm)	194.6	303.2	255.7	293.7	242.2	245.3	177.7	222.8	163.6	266.3	209.8
Days w precip	20	24	25	24	23	25	25	24	23	24	24
Year Precip(mm)	1250.8	1682.2	1343.0	1471.0	1243.0	1312.9	977.7	1271.0	897.5	1434.3	1115.3
Prec since Oct 1	534.7	730.6	661.0	681.8	631.7	585.0	481.6	563.4	461.0	640.2	558.8

Comments

December 2024 was the 4th warmest since 1914, with only 5 days of freezing temperatures. This month was much wetter than average. Just a skiff of snow fell on two days in December (no snow last year)

2024 was warmer than normal by 0.7°. There were 24 days (21 in 2023) when the temperature rose to 30° or above, and 34 days with freezing temperatures (64 in 2023).

Precipitation for 2024 was 14% above average, being the 26th wettest ever. Lake levels were close to normal heights for most of the year, with the highest levels in January/December and lowest in mid October.

Thanks to Ed Wiebe of the UVic Weather Network and the Weather Underground for data collected for the stations.

You may have noticed that the Environment Weather Station on Elford Road ceased operation in early November 2023. The long-time station recorder, Dick Hopps, has passed away and, as yet, no official replacement has been announced.

2024 Rank since 1914: 8th warmest, 28th wettest

Lake Readings	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
Temperature	7°	7°	6°	5°	5°
Temperature 2023	7°	6°	6°	5°	6°
Surface Elevation	116.53	116.41	116.42	117.12	117.17
Elevation 2023	116.35m	116.95m	116.81m	116.56m	116.45m

Weather Icon	Shawnigan Annual Normals	Cigarmaker's Bay		Butler Road		Discovery School		Museum		Shawnigan Average	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Avg Temp°	9.9	10.8	11.0	9.8	11.0	10.9	10.2	11.0	11.2	10.6	10.9
Extreme High°	37.2	35.6	37.2	34.3	37.1	35.7	36.2	35.2	36.0	35.2	36.6
Extreme Low°	-21.1	-8.4	-8.6	-12.9	-10.4	-12.8	-8.8	11.2	-9.2	-5.7	-9.3
Days w precip	174	183	167	190	183	190	180	172	165	184	174
Precipitation(mm)	1250.8	1682.2	1343.0	1471.0	997.7	1312.9	1243.0	1271.0	897.5	1434.3	1120.3

2024 Rank since 1914: 7th warmest, 47th wettest
 Lake temperature: warmest: 26°(last year 26°) coldest: 2° (last year 2°)
 Lake level: highest: 117.17m (last year 117.20) lowest: 115.87m (last year 115.83m)

Malahat Legion

January 2025 at the Malahat Legion

Regular Hours
 We are back to normal hours starting Friday, January 3rd, 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



Fridays

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

Saturdays

- Meat Draws 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Our Special Event:

- Our January dinner and show is Friday, January 24th 5 – 10 PM
- Feature dinner is cabbage rolls, harvest sausage and perogies 5-7 PM
- Holly Doping hosts music bingo 7 – 10 PM

- Price: \$20 Malahat Legion Members, \$24 Non-Members.

Our calendar: <https://malahatlegion.ca/legion-published-calendars/>

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



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December 2024 Report

Department Members Attended 47 Incidents in December

- Sunday, Dec 1 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Dec 2 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Dec 2 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Monday, Dec 2 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- Tuesday, Dec 3 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Dec 3 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- Tuesday, Dec 3 - 1st Responder off Worthington Rd
- Tuesday, Dec 3 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- Wednesday, Dec 4 - Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Dec 5 - MVI on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Saturday, Dec 7 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Dec 10 - 1st Responder off Worthington Rd

- Thursday, Dec 12 - 1st Responder off Lovers Ln
- Thursday, Dec 12 - 1st Responder off Worthington Rd
- Thursday, Dec 12 - Assistance on Silvermine Rd
- Friday, Dec 13 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Dec 14 - 21st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Dec 14 - Mutual Aid Structure Fire w/ Malahat Fire
- Saturday, Dec 14 - Assistance on Silvermine Rd
- Saturday, Dec 14 - Hydro Lines on Elmer Rd
- Saturday, Dec 14 - 1st Responder off Worthington Rd

- Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Sunday, Dec 15 - 1st Responder off Recreation Rd
- Sunday, Dec 15 - 1st Responder off Inn Rd
- Monday, Dec 16 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Tuesday, Dec 17 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Dec 17 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Wednesday, Dec 18 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Wednesday, Dec 18 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Wednesday, Dec 18 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd

- Friday, Dec 20 - Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Friday, Dec 20 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Friday, Dec 20 - 1st Responder off Bob'O Link Rd
- Friday, Dec 20 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Dec 21 - MVI on Renfrew Rd
- Saturday, Dec 21 - Assistance on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Dec 23 - Assistance on Elford Rd
- Monday, Dec 23 - 1st Responder off Deloume Rd
- Wednesday, Dec 25 - 1st Responder off Northgate Rd
- Wednesday, Dec 25 - 1st Responder off S Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Dec 26 - 1st Responder off Deloume Rd
- Thursday, Dec 26 - 1st Responder off Deloume Rd
- Thursday, Dec 26 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Dec 28 - MVI on S Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Dec 28 - 1st Responder off Sooke Lake Rd
- Monday, Dec 30 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Dec 30 - 1st Responder off Deloume Rd
- Tuesday, Dec 31 - 1st Responder off Silvermine Rd
- Tuesday, Dec 31 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Tuesday, Dec 31 - 1st Responder off Colman Rd

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Exploring the Living World of Scottish Gaelic: Language, Culture, and Community

Teàrlach Eshu Kilgour

Scottish Gaelic (Gàidhlig) is more than just a language; it's a way of life, a lens through which generations have understood and expressed our connection to the land, our community, and our history. Far from being confined to the past, Gaelic continues to thrive today in songs, stories, and gatherings where the richness of its culture comes alive.

For those eager to immerse themselves in this world, an 8-week Introduction to Scottish Gaelic Language and Culture offers the perfect opportunity. Designed for beginners, this course invites participants to engage with Gaelic as a living, breathing tradition.

The course's cèilidh-style format reflects a key element of Gaelic

life. The cèilidh house—where neighbors gather to share songs, stories, and conversation—continues to inspire Gaelic communities today. Similarly, this course fosters a sense of belonging and shared experience while teaching essential language skills, from pronunciation and basic vocabulary to singing traditional song choruses.

Participants will also explore living cultural practices, including naming traditions, clan structures, and storytelling. The course doesn't shy away from the realities of colonization and the suppression of Gaelic culture, both of which remain challenges for Gaelic communities today. Instead, it highlights the ongoing work of revitalization and connects learners to these efforts.

What makes this course especially meaningful is its emphasis on personal and collective connection. Participants will reflect on their own relationship to Gaelic, whether through ancestral ties or a desire to learn about a vibrant culture. The course also connects these journeys to broader movements for reconciliation, encouraging dialogue between learners and Indigenous communities facing similar struggles.

By the end of the eight weeks, participants will have gained more than language skills—they'll have joined a community of learners working to ensure that Gaelic traditions remain alive and thriving.

Course Details

- Location: O.U.R. Ecovillage, Shawnigan Lake, BC



Photo by Ace Hicks

- Schedule: Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 PM, February 6–March 27, 2025
- Cost: \$80 + PWYC (Pay What You Can)
- Instructor: Teàrlach Eshu Kilgour
- Contact: Email eshu@monarchtrancework.com or call/text (250) 642-7936
- Class Size: Limited to 12
- Extras: Supplemental online resources will be available to support learning outside of class, and optional one-on-one tutoring sessions can be arranged for an additional fee.

Snowberry...some call it Waxberry

Genevieve R. Singleton Nature Interpreter, Biologist, Polster Environmental Services

his white berried shrub is called P'up'q'iyas in the Hul'q'umi'num' language. In English it is known as Snowberry, some call it Waxberry. In Latin it is Symphoricarpos albus. The shrub is about knee high with few leaves on it right now, but usually has lots of berries. Believe it or

not it is a member of the Honeysuckle family.

You will see this plant throughout Old Mill Park and around Shawnigan Lake right now. I have fun picking a firm white berry (not an old brown berry) and listening to the strong “pop” sound it makes as I squeeze it between my fingers. Still a child at heart! I have been told by a Quw'utsun elder that the berries would be rubbed onto spider bites.



The berries are poisonous if one eats an amount of them. They taste bitter and unpleasant. The branches, leaves and roots are toxic. Always remember not to consume any part of any plant unless you are sure what it is. Teach children from a young age which berries are poisonous.

These berries are important food to birds and the branches are browsed by deer and elk. Although it is a native plant it can become invasive when habitats have been disturbed. This is a particular problem in P'hwulp (Garry oak) ecosystems, our rarest ecosystem in BC.

There is a separate Hul'q'umi'num' word for the straight stem of Snowberry, T'e-ts'ulhp. T'e-ts'ulhp are used as fish spreaders. As Jared Qwustenuxun Williams reminds me Qethulhp (Ocean spray) and T'eets'ulhp (Hardhack, also known as Spiraea, Spiraea douglasii) are the preferred woods for T'eets' fish spreaders. Elder and author Luschiim Charlie in “Luschiim's Plants” discusses both plants being used.

Some of you may have had the wonderful opportunity to attend a Pi'qwun (traditional barbecue) done by Jared Qwustenuxun Williams and will have observed



Jared Qwustenuxun Williams

the T'eets' (spreaders) placed in the opened fish in the photo. In this photo Qethulhp stems are being used.

I am a beginner Hul'q'umi'num' learner, the ancient and still used language of the Quw'utsun people. In my work and play I use the language as often as I can. Join me in this act of reconciliation.

Here is a good resource: <https://www.firstvoices.com/hulquminum>

With gratitude I acknowledge that I live in Quw'utsun, Cowichan Tribes, unceded territory, who have been providing stewardship to the land and water here for millennia.

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.” Albert Einstein

Looking Forward...at the Shawnigan Lake Museum

Lori Treloar
Executive Director

There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Construction should be done by the end of January...fingers crossed, and then we can prepare for the Grand Opening and regular hours. In the meantime, we are working on new exhibits and updating the office and exhibit areas in the original part of the museum.

We have started planning events and programming for 2025. There will be speakers on a variety of topics related to the history of Shawnigan; an Art Show; a Collectible Sale; Show and Shares; Board Game

events; possible summer camps... and maybe even a Karaoke evening. We will also bring back school programming later in the year.

We have written several grants to fund new staff and summer students, as well as grants to furnish our kitchen and community living room. Grants are never a guarantee for funding, but writing grants is a fundamental part of keeping the doors of any non-profit open. Grants are very specific to different kinds of non-profits – ours fit in Arts and Culture.

We have had some very committed



Workers from Bugaboo Designs Ltd. start work on Timberframe Canopy

volunteers helping us to get organized over the past several months. Regulars who have braved the chaos include Grant Treloar, Jill Camden, Pieter Devries and Gary Dunphy. In addition, we had a group of volunteers from the Cadorette family, Ray, Pat and Judy, who used their vast experience to help us set up the first Simply Shawnigan art show. And new volunteers, Karyn, Ann and Kim who helped greet people and handle money for the show. It was a very successful event!

Non-profits rely on volunteers to survive. Volunteers help deliver programming and events; greet the public; share stories from the history of Shawnigan and many other tasks as needed. It is a fun and rewarding way to

serve the community. The Museum Staff and Board of Directors are grateful for the support provided by our wonderful volunteer group. And there is always room for more...the museum

is a place where you can share your talent. Thank you to the community for your support and help in making the expansion a reality. See you at the museum!



Portion of new Gift Shop in Museum Lobby



Volunteers Ray & Pat Cadorette set up art Hanging System

SHAWNIGAN CEMETERY Notice of Annual General Meeting 2025

To receive reports and review accounts for the year
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Date : Sunday, January 26, 2025
Time : 11:45 AM
Place : Sylan United Church
Lower Social Hall
985 Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road
Contact : Roy Davies - ADMINISTRATOR
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- **CVRD Public Input to the whole Board**
LegislativeServices@cprd.bc.ca
- **Shawnigan Improvement District**
2nd Monday of each month 7 pm at #1 Fire Hall
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Contact: *bburr@shaw.ca*
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- **Cowichan South Arts Guild (CSAG)**
Contact: *hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com* (web): *cowichansouthartsguild.com*
- **Shawnigan Quilters** - Wed. 9-2 at Lion's Hall (former Sylvania School)
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