

MUSEUM MUSINGS FOR OCT 07

We are pleased to report that our museum had its most successful season to date with more than 400 visitors this past summer. We are now closed for the winter but work goes on and you are invited to drop in any Wednesday morning from 9 to 12 for a "cuppa" and a chat.

History has a way of repeating itself and this is being demonstrated now on Texada. The announcement that there is a plan to establish an LNG plant at Kiddies point near Blubber Bay reminds me of the great garbage debate of 1982 when the Greater Vancouver Regional District planned to dump their garbage in some of our unused quarries. Strong opposition at that time was successful in having the plan cancelled. There appears to be the same degree of opposition to the LNG plant and Texada Action Now or TAN, the committee that led the charge last time is being reactivated to once again co-ordinate the fight. I have seen a photo of island folk carrying placards demonstrating in front of the legion when the GVRD visited Texada. I was one of them! We would appreciate a copy of that or any other photo of that historic event. Planning continues for our participation in BC's 150th birthday celebration next year. We will keep you posted as plans mature.

Immediate museum plans call for the continuation of our oral history program and the replacement of the displays in the Community hall and in the Seniors centre.

The photo today is of a large number of small boats tied up in Blubber Bay. These may be "hand liners", the one man salmon fishing boat used in the twenties and thirties. We would appreciate any information that anyone out there may have.

You are reminded of the existence of our web site at texadaheritagesociety.com. We have now added a counter to record the number of visitors the site receives each day and are gratified to report that the site is being visited daily.

Until the next time please take care of each other and remember to think green.

Norm MacLean

