

HELLO FROM YOUR MUSEUM

Over the fall and winter our Wednesday morning openings have welcomed a steady trickle of visitors, all of whom have left impressed. We've hosted guests from all parts of BC and Canada as well as from France, UK, China and Mexico.

Some comments in the guest book:

“an amazing job ... great work... beautifully done... lovely and informative... loved it and learned a lot .”

Apparently not all museum tours were the same. “Thank-you for the passionate tour,” wrote one enthralled visitor!

As well as maintaining our large collection of objects, photos and documents our volunteers continue to work on displays hoping to offer interesting and informative presentations in the future. High quality displays require a huge investment in organization and time, a challenge ably met by our dedicated volunteers.

People have asked about our VR (virtual reality) presentations of Claire Sanford's film *Texada*. We are in the process of constructing an appropriate area for future comfortable viewings.

Recently the museum welcomed 3 visitors from the Tla'amin Nation who were pleased to hear of our plans for a new indigenous display.

Carol Wyatt's Texada School primary class toured the museum twice in February as part of their Canada Inquiry Project. They are sending postcards and drawings about their Texada community to schools in each province and territory. Some of their letters and pictures are on display on our newest bulletin board at the museum.

Sd 47 Communications Coordinator Marta Brylynska accompanied them and plans to feature photos of their visit on the sd47 website.

Texada Museum is pleased to foster an appreciation of our island history amongst its youngest citizens. Our weekly school visits introduce students to Texada life in ancient times (ie, when their parents were kids! LOL).

Meanwhile, in the “DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ” department, we thank Tom Brent for his research which discovered that the Pocahontas Fire Lookout was NOT the first in Canada (as reported in the PR News - May 18, 1967 and repeated elsewhere!) Another Texada Tall Tale?!

We continue our Wednesday morning openings (10 am to noon) until the summer.

Hope to see you there!

Peter Lock

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