

BOOKS ABOUT TEXADA'S HISTORY

After visiting the Texada museum many people are impressed with the displays of the island's interesting past and have asked if any books on Texada's history are available.

Yes! The best is Heather Harbord's 2011 *Texada Tapestry* (Harbour Publishing). Heather, through extensive research and many interviews, has crafted a most entertaining and readable account of the island's remarkable history. Many photos add to the enjoyment. It is available for purchase at the museum.

Another valuable book is Bill Thompson's 1997 *Texada Island* (Friesen Printers). Bill has collected letters, newspaper articles and documents to present a chronology of Texada's history. His thorough index has proven helpful for researchers.

If one explores dusty bookshelves one might be lucky enough to discover a copy of the 1960 "thin brown book" of Texada compiled by the Texada Centennial Committee. It is interesting to view the island's history through the perspective of Texada's booming times (when several quarries, the iron mine and logging were operating full tilt). Good luck in your search!

There are a few books based on personal remembrances. *Slow Farm* (2014) by Tarn Wilson (Ovenbird Books) is a story of a little girl growing up in the 70's. Her "hippie" family lived on an acreage on Central Road near Raven Bay. It is a peak into the "counter-culture" alternative lifestyle of the time.

Just reprinted in 2024 (Inlet Publishing) is the original 1929 *Adventure in Service* by Reverend George Pringle. Reverend Pringle of Van Anda was a popular figure who travelled up and down the coast with the United Church Coast Mission. (See Expresslines - June 2015).

Of particular interest is his account of transporting a very sick girl from Anderson Bay to the hospital in Powell River through stormy seas on his familiar boat *Sky Pilot*. This reprint complements his previous Texada memoir *In Great Seas* (now out of print).

Perhaps the best idea of all is to put down your book and visit the museum itself.

Summer hours (until August 29) :

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 10am to 3pm

Wednesday - 10am to noon

We would be happy to welcome you!

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