



The Museum Post

Web Page www.kitimatmuseum.ca E-Mail: info@kitimatmuseum.ca

Kitimat Museum & Archives

**293 City Centre
Kitimat, B.C. V8C 1T6
(250)632-8950 (tel)
(250)632-7429 (fax)**

**Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays and Holidays**

Summer 2018

Anderson Farm Revisited

The Kitimat Heritage Group (KHG) has, in two recent instances, revisited the Anderson Farm. Summer weather has cooperated, and volunteers have been available for the following:

Through July, KHG members have performed much needed maintenance on the “stump puller” at Kitimat Heritage Park, Kitimat Chamber of Commerce. With community and corporate effort, the machine—a kerosene-powered winch—was retrieved from the Kitimat River estuary in 2006. It is believed that George Anderson used the “stump puller” in the early 20th century to haul logs, assisting with the construction of buildings, fencing, and other structures. This summer the stump puller needed a reapplication of its lanolin coating, Fluid Film, to prevent rust and corrosion. Work also included weeding the site platform, cleaning the metal with mineral spirits and applying the coating. Many thanks to the energy of the following KHG and community members: the three Lois’ - Lois Godfrey, Lois Marleau, and Lois Mendel - Max Koppers, Walter Thorne, Luella Froess, and Mario Feldhoff. A special thanks to Chamber Executive Director Jill Barrowman for supplying the work crews with much needed cold drinks. Staining the skid is the last job on our summer maintenance list.

The Kitimat Heritage Group has also been successful in relocating the outbuilding shed and farm implements in the Kitimat River estuary. GPS coordinates assisted the KHG and Rio Tinto representatives to locate the site after it was lost for several years. It was always there, protected and undisturbed, but at some point every stand of trees in the estuary looked awfully similar. Lots of bushwhacking was endured on three different trips this summer to find the site. This last trip was successful. Many thanks to Stantec for supplying the GPS coordinates, Rio Tinto Environmental representative

Andy Lecuyer for assisting the KHG access the site on Rio Tinto land, and Communications representatives Eve Normandin, Clarisa Durand, and Vanessa Jules for joining our scouting group. The plan is to retrieve the artifacts for the Museum collection.

George Anderson came west to work at the Methodist Mission at Kitimaat. By 1898, he had resigned. With his wife Martha Anderson and their two children, George farmed hay for his cows, raised pigs and chickens, and maintained a large acreage of fruits and vegetables. The Anderson Family left the Kitimat River valley in 1926.

Museum Director Louise Avery with the three Lois’ - Lois Godfrey, Lois Marleau, Lois Mendel. KHG member Peter Ponter and Rio Tinto representatives beside the shed artifacts. Below, two of those artifacts—a plow and a mower blade.



Museum News

Museum Board of Directors

The Annual Appointee's Dinner hosted by Kitimat Council and



Mayor Germuth was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2018 at the Luso Canadian Club. The Museum thanks retiring Board members Doug Thomson, Carol Dale, and Allan Colton for their efforts and support over the past four years. All three were recognized by the District of Kitimat for their volunteerism. In this photograph they are joined by retiring Disability Advisory Commission member Grant Foraunet and Mayor Phil Germuth.

Returning to the Museum Board of Directors are April Macleod, Sheila McInnis, and Connie Craig. If you have an interest in being on the Board of Directors for the Kitimat Museum & Archives, we would love to hear from you. At the moment all positions are filled, but in May 2019, the Museum may need new Board members. The Museum Board meets every second month for one hour, and breaks for the summer months of July and August.

Museum Kids' Summer of Adventure

Seven weeks of children's programming for ages 3 to 9 is now in full swing! Again, the Museum has hired a talented, energetic programming team—(left to right) Educator Aisha Dos Santos and Education Assistants Steven Horianopoulos (seated), Viktoryia Mikhailava, Taylor Ferguson, and Jordyn Harris. Lots of fun-filled programs were very successful including Mad Scientists, Architects in Training, and Superhero Academy. New this



year, the extended programs of Pioneering Days, Blast-Off, and Robo-Recyclers for ages 5 to 9 include lunch and are very popular.

The programs have a strong educational component that allow participants to learn and explore town history, First Nation's culture, world culture, and the natural and physical sciences through playtime and crafts. Student positions are funded by Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions, Canada Summer Jobs, the District of Kitimat Top-Up Program, and BC Community Gaming.



Budding paleontologists search for *Colossal Fossils*.

Elevator Update

You may be wondering about the Museum elevator given that construction was to begin in June. Quotes have now been received by the District of Kitimat, and more funding is needed. A grant will soon be submitted to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) to obtain the shortfall. Once funding is secured, a new timeline will be revealed. CCSF funded the cases and artifact mounts for the Haisla heritage collection.

Collections Update

Collections Assistant Dylan Calado has returned again this year to assist with the storage and documentation of the Museum's artifact collection. Dylan has set up office inside the Museum's on-site storage upstairs—a great office space—and is completing artifact entry currently stored in Bay 1. Only three more bays to go! Artifacts stored in the main off-site storage are now organized and have a location entered into the Museum's database. One additional smaller off-site storage area will also be documented before summer's end.



Recent Acquisitions

Collections have picked up a bit since spring. From the Mayor's Office, District of Kitimat we received a framed proclamation. The proclamation is quite lovely—hand painted with the calligraphy in both languages and bearing the coat of arms for both Quebec and British Columbia. The text states:

In the City Hall of the City of Arvida, on this fifteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and sixty-seven. We, Georges Hébert, Mayor of the City of Arvida, in the Province of Quebec, Canada. We, Samuel Lindsay, Reeve of the Town of Kitimat in the Province of British Columbia, Canada. Declare the twinning of our City and Town in conformity with the resolutions unanimously adopted by the members of our councils in view of promotion exchange of a cultural, tourist, social and economic nature in the interests of our citizens.

The proclamation is signed and the seals of both communities are attached. Kitimat is also a twin city with the town of Imatra in Finland. This occurred when Eurocan Pulp & Paper opened in Kitimat.

Dave Hall, visiting his childhood home from Surrey, BC, gave a collection of digital images scanned from slides taken by his father, Ralph Hall. Ralph and his family were long-time Kitimat residents. He was a General Foreman with Kitimat Constructors from 1954 to 1957. He then formed his own company, 'Kitimat Valley Builders' which he operated until 1985. His wife, Mary, worked in the office of the Hudson's Bay Store. The Halls moved to Victoria in 1990.



Surfing on the Kitimat River, ca. 1960. Ralph Hall Collection KMA No. 2018.16

Diane Mayes from Washington and her brother Roy Ludwick from Colorado visited while on a vacation in Northern BC and Alaska. Diane donated a collection of items that once belonged to her father Kendall Ludwick and some memorabilia she kept from her time at the Smeltersite School. Included in this was a 'Certificate of Promotion' from Grade 5 to Grade 6. Kendall Ludwick, worked for Alcan from 1952 to 1954 as Assistant Building Superintendent. A former member of the US Navy, he was an avid outdoorsman and was instrumental in the creation of the Rod & Gun Club in Kitimat.

Alice Dicker sent a collection of 41 photographs from Hechingen, Germany. Her father, Benard, came to Canada to work in 1955. He married Anna in 1959. Alice and her sister Claudia were born in Kitimat and the family lived here until 1969, at which time they returned to Germany.



Left to right: Anneliese Ruppenthal, Alice Dicker, Lilo Lansberg, Claudia Dicker, in front of Lilo's Tuck Shop, 1980s, Nechako Centre. Dicker Collection, KMA No. 2018.18

We have also received

- a box of fossils from Sarina Germuth donated in memory of Randy Whitehead.
- a book of maps brought in by Walter Thorne and belonging to former Museum Curator Gisela Mendel. These are maps with annotations made by Gisela resulting from many local hikes.
- a pillowcase with an Al Beaton cartoon from Kelley Siba, Al Beaton's daughter. Al Beaton, cartoonist for the Toronto Telegraph, lived and worked in Kitimat in the early 1950s.
- a MEMSS 2017-2018 year book brought in by graduate Viktoryia Mikhailava.



Celebration at the former Rod & Gun Club building, ca. 1953. Ludwick Collection, KMA No. 2018.17

Events

NEXT OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
in the Upstairs Gallery

Exhibition

The Wilderness around Us



Exhibition
The Wilderness around Us
August 9 to September 8, 2018
Upstairs Gallery of the Kitimat Museum & Archives

NORTH WEST PHOTO FEST

This exhibition will also feature
A selection of the best of Canadian photojournalism
in 2017 by the News Photographers Association of Canada



Congratulations to the Kitimat General Hospital Women's Auxiliary on celebrating their 60th Anniversary.

The first mention of the Women's Auxiliary occurred in the March 29, 1956 issue of the Northern Sentinel. The Kitimat Hospital was in its planning stage and "a women's' auxiliary might be started."

The first general meeting was held in the fall of 1957. Membership was open to women in the community interested in being active or associate members. The membership fee was \$3.00 per year and meetings were held the first Tuesday of each month. Donations to the thrift shop were accepted as a means of raising money. Among the services they provided were a mobile tuck shop and library service for the hospital.



KITIMAT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

**POST A LETTER OR
BUY YOUR LUNCH WITH ART?
YOU DO IT EVERY DAY.**

WE PROUDLY PRESENT

VOICES
FROM THE
Engraver

From concept to final product, experience the creative process, the technical skill and the sheer artistry that underlies every series of Canadian stamps and bank notes.

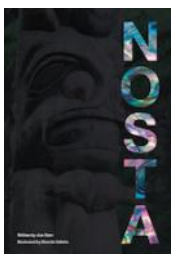
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2018
THROUGH
NOVEMBER 24, 2018**

293 CITY CENTRE KITIMAT BC [250]-632-8950

TMA
Kitimat Museum & Archives

A TRAVELLING EXHIBITION
PRODUCED BY





NEW! 'Nosta', by Joe Starr

In this collection of chapters, readers gain a better understanding of the histories and traditions of the Haisla people through these personal stories. This collection of chapters is dedicated to the Haisla and Heiltsuk children. This book is a Reading Book recommended for ages 11-15. [\$9.95, in the Gift Shop].



**The Christmas Gift Store
is mere months away.
Crafters - start crafting.
Registration in November.**