



Museum Muse



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Family Day 2013

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**“History is
who we are
and why we
are the way
we are”**

**~David C.
McCullough**

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On February 11th, Shawnigan celebrated the new statutory holiday, Family Day. A group of organizers, Patty from the Village Chippery, Christine from Dwight School, Marian from Shawnigan Lake Community Association, Vincy and AJ from AJ's Detailing, and myself, Lori, from the museum, met over several weeks to plan an event for that day.

We knew that we wanted to encourage families to “play” together, to learn something about their community and to celebrate the natural beauty and potential of our area. The ideas and planning evolved into a type of scavenger hunt that led families to seven specific destinations in the area. Families were given two weeks to visit the sites. The destinations all had a connection to our train history – including the E & N Railway (on the east side of the lake) and the CN Railway (on the west side of the lake).

Destinations included the Kinsol Trestle; the cairn for the Last Spike; the site of the Shawnigan Lake Hotel (the first railway station); the Old Mill site; the old community centre; the Government Wharf and the museum. Registrants were issued a Passport to Shawnigan that provided the GPS coordinates and historical details for each destination. As they visited each site, they took a picture of their family. Families could get their passports stamped for each site visited by sharing their pictures with organizers. For every stamp collected by the family, a ticket was issued for a chance to win Shawnigan Dollars. If a family completed visited all seven destinations, they were entered into a draw for \$50 in Shawnigan Dollars. Shawnigan Dollars were designed so that winners spent their prize money at participating local businesses.

The event finale took place at Dwight School on February 11th, where lunch was provided. In addition, families were given a piece of board and asked to paint a family masterpiece, based on the train theme. Over 40 of these works of art were produced. On March 23rd, at 9:30 a.m., the Family Day art will be installed on the fence along Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road, just below the museum. Everyone is welcome.

Watch for this wonderful outdoor art gallery...and we hope that you will join us for more fun next year.

This Month in Canadian History...



In March, 1972, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) broadcasted the first simultaneous FM radio/TV production of a symphony concert.

Family Day Fun!



Weird and Wonderful

"Show and Tell" at the Shawnigan Lake Museum

Join us for an evening of "Show and Tell" April 23rd at 7pm at the museum! Bring an interesting or unusual artifact or object to talk about. Refreshments are provided!





A New Look for the Museum...

Work will continue this month on the museum's new paint job. Doesn't it look good??



2013 AGM Report



The 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Shawnigan Lake Historical Society was a great success! The society's board will remain the same for this year with Marcy Green as President, Sally Davies as Vice-President, Grant Treloar as Secretary, Lori Treloar as Treasurer, Garth Harvey, Robin LeGarff, Mark Woloszczak as Directors, and Peter Nash as an honorary member. The official business was followed by a fun "Show and Tell" evening with some very unusual objects, including two blood letting tools. Many thanks to everyone who attended!

Look for us at the Shawnigan Gathering on April 6th –7th!

For more information, please see the March issue of the Shawnigan Focus.

Happy Birthday to You!!!



The staff and volunteers at the Shawnigan Lake Museum would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to board member and volunteer Mark Woloszczak who celebrated his birthday on March 1st! Happy Birthday, Mark!



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