u'mista cultural centre newsletter



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COVER PHOTOG APH

Kindergarten Class at Tłisalagi'lakw School, during Open House, demonstrating what they've learned in Dance Class, with Agnes Cranmer, Andrea Cranmer and Shelly Cook.

Correction: On the cover of the April 1989 Newsletter, we identified two of the women as daughters of Chief Joe Harris. In fact, they were daughters of Ned Harris, the brother of Chief Harris. We apologize for the error and thank our members who corrected us.

FROM THE CURATOR

Since our last newsletter I have attended four meetings of the Advisory Committee on Native Heritage Centres, Ministry of Native Affairs. At the end of this month, the Committee's recommendations will be presented to the Cabinet Committee and the work of our Commttee should be completed.

The Advisory Committee on Culture, Canadian Commission for UNESCO held its May meeting in Alert Bay. Our thanks go to Ernie Alfred for taking the Committee members out on the W 11 for a boat trip. From letters received from Committee members, we quote:

"It was truly wonderful to spend time in Alert Bay. I will always treasure those days."

"Incredible experience to live through, then to think about. Thank you for it all.

"What an extraordinary idea it was to hold our meeting in Alert Bay! I would like to thank you for a hospitality that goes far beyond anyone can hope for."

"Absolutely everthing was fantastic."

We also hosted a Cultural Activities Day for School District 85 staff from Port Hardy, which included a tour of the Centre, a lunch and dance performance in the Big House. Letters from those visitors included statements such as:

"We enjoyed the day immensely and also gained much valuable knowledge and understanding of the traditions and history of the students we teach. I am very impressed with the U'mista Cultural Centre. The people and the place combine to be a very positive information centre for visitors."

"With much appreciation to 'you all' for helping to make our day in Alert Bay. We so enjoyed the Museum, the many 'treasures' we saw, the film, lunch and excellent display of dancing."

"An absolutely <u>lovely</u> experience! I learned a great deal. Thank you."

We certainly appreciate receiving such complimentary remarks from our visitors, which all add to the reputation of our Centre. Under a Challenge '89 grant, we have hired Calvin Rufus and Anne Warner as our summer students this year. Both are working very hard helping us with all the chores there never seems to be enough time for, as well as learning about our history. We also welcome Marilyn Johnny, who has replaced Sharon Mountain as Secretary-Receptionist for the time being. Marilyn's experience at the Arts of the Raven shop in Victoria is a real asset for us.

In May, we received <u>WILD HARVEST</u>, a travelling exhibit from the British Columbia Provincial Museum, which added a lot to the visits of many school tour groups during the six weeks we had the exhibit at the Centre. After the exhibit was installed, we invited members for a preview, serving refreshments, including traditional foods provided by our members.

Our busy summer season has started, with 14 tour groups so far, and several more in the next two months. A few tour groups have ordered barbecued salmon lunches or dinners, so proceeds from these will go towards our Special Events fund.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As members may know, our annual general meeting had to be postponed, because our audit wasn't ready for June 24th. The meeting was held on July 15th and the major agenda item was the election of directors. Those whose terms had expired were:

Bill Cranmer Flora Dawson Elizabeth Nelson Peter Smith Harry Walkus.

Directors who were re-nominated were: Bill Cranmer, Flora Dawson and Peter Smith. New nominees were: Pearl Alfred and Sherry Hunt. Following these five nominations, a motion was made that nominations cease, so these are our directors, who will serve a two-year term. Our thanks to Elizabeth Nelson and Harry Walkus for their service to the Society as past directors and our congratulations to Pearl Alfred and Sherry Hunt, whom we welcome as new directors. As we continue with our planning for our 10th anniversary celebrations next year, our Board of Directors faces a busy year, as do the rest of us.

Our thanks to members who provided the food for the dinner which preceded the meeting. While the attendance at the meeting was not very large, the members who were there contributed to discussions about the operation of the Centre and some of our plans for the coming year.

GIFTS, GRANTS and DONATIONS

Since our last newsletter, we have received the following:

\$5,332.00, from British Columbia Heritage Trust, representing the the first and second installments of a planning grant for the Mungo Martin exhibit, on which Michael Tanner is working.

\$2,300.86, from Simon Fraser University, the proceeds of the sale of equipment and furniture from the Teacher Education Program, now completed. The donation is to be used specifically for cultural curriculum material, to be made available for SFU students and local teachers.

\$2,720.00, from Employment and Immigration Canada, for the Challenge '89 summer student program.

A mask, carved by Billy Robertson, from Mrs. Verna Loverock.

A tapa cloth, from Peggy Martin.

"Master Mariner", "Cabinet of Curiosities" and Remembering Vancouver", from David Hemphill, Director of the Vancouver Museum and Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Culture, Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

A projection screen from Simon Fraser University.

\$25.00, from Mary Sparling, a donation to the New Zealand trip.

Book 4 and tapes, from the MicMac Language Program

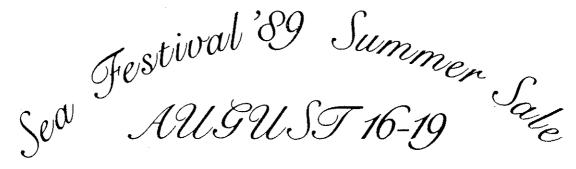
"Bibliography of Franz Boas", from Norman Boas.

We are very grateful to these individuals and organizations for their generous support of our Centre and its activities. \underline{G} ilakas'la to all of you.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To our friends at Stubbs Island Charters on the launching of their new boat, the "Lukwa". We had suggested the name, max'inuxw (killer whale), but had to agree that it might be hard for some people to pronounce.

To the students of the Simon Fraser Teacher Education Program on the completion of their three years of study. We wish you every success in your continued studies at Simon Fraser and your new careers as professional teachers. We are proud of your major achievement and look forward to working with you in the future. Good luck to all of you.



NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR DISCOUNT AT THE GIFT SHOP. FOR MEMBERS 20% OFF LOGO T-SHIRTS, SWEAT-SHIRTS & POLO SHIRTS!! NEW STOCK! T-SHIRTS WITH THE NAME OF THE CENTRE, PRINTED IN PURPLE, BLUE & GREEN INK! ALSO, U'MISTA PINS AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME, ONLY \$3.50! OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS PLEASE WRITE TO DAVINA HUNT WITH YOUR ORDER.

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HELP! ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS PLEASE SEND THOSE EXOTIC RECIPES BY AUGUST 1st! TO GET THE COOKBOOK PUT TOGETHER BY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TIME. GILAKAS'LA!

RAFFLE

1st HAMSAML FIGURE CARVED BY GORDON SCOW

2nd HALIBUT BOWL DONATED BY ELAINE BRUCE

3rd U'MISTA SHIRT & PIN DRAW DATE AUG.22/89
THE PROCEEDS OF THE RAFFLE ARE TO GO TOWARDS THE NEAH BAY
& SEATTLE TRIP FOR THE OLD PEOPLE. AND, THOSE HARD WORKING
VOLUNTEERS OF THE SOCIETY. TICKETS ARE \$1.00 EACH, PLEASE
SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISING RAFFLE.

We welcome the following new members and thank them for their support:

Max Whonnock
Meredith Knox
Bob Florence
Maureen & Barry Wright
Sally Wisden
Denis Richards
T. Crowe
Mervyn Child
Ruby Keitlah
Irene Isaac

Martha Bruce
Roger Biddlecombe
Astrid Axelson
Anita Cranmer
Ann Marie Moc
Alice C. Moc
Aidan P. Butterfield
David McDougall

We also thank the following people for continuing to support the Centre by renewing their membership in the Society.

Donna Cranmer Vicki Hamilton Richard & Sandra Hunt Sherry E. Hunt Jan A. Johnson (F) James Leslie David & Julie Obermeyer Catherine Reynolds Wedłidi Speck Lorne Stadnyk Christine Perrault Hans Amering Laurie Alfred Richard Conn Willie & Karen Cook Clayton & Violeta Ham Elizabeth McKenzie David Neel Daphne Neen Nimpkish Band Council Emma Tamlin Norman Boas

Betty Schmidt Ethel Scow Beth Scow Beatrice Smith George Speck Norman & Donna Stauffer Karl Sturmanis Barbara Boas & Joe Johnson Maggie Caunter Dorothy Daniel David Freeman Patricia Hofstrand Stephen Hunt Pete & Mable Knox Jamie Shaughnessy Julian & Grace Stauffer W.J. Thomson Sony & Emma Alfred Diane Reesor Alexandra Willie Genevieve Pisarski Sage Jim Olney

WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR DISCOUNT AND SUGGEST THAT YOU CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR THE EXPIRY DATE.

SEE YOU DURING SEA FEST!!!!!!