

Grants

The Historians have received generous funding from the Bowen Island Municipality Community Grant and Grants-In-Aid program, HDRC Canada, and Young Canada Works. All of these allow Heather, Rebekah, Sarah, and Mariah to continue our work in preserving the history and heritage of the island, and sharing it with the public. We thank all the organisations for their support.



*The Wharf at Snug Cove
Circa 1930s*

Summer Staff

The Historians welcome back Heather Joan Tam as curator for the summer thanks to the Bowen Island Municipality Community Grant. She is joined by two UBC Co-op students - Rebekah Parker, Museum Assistant, and Sarah Ravensbergen, Archival Assistant, thanks to funding from the Young Canada Works Program.

Sarah has just finished her second year studying Geography and International Relations. She loves the outdoors, and is very excited to be working with the Historians. Rebekah has finished her third year of her Interdisciplinary Studies degree and is looking forward to exploring the island this summer.

We also received funding from Service Canada for a second Archives Assistant position, and welcome Mariah Fleetham to our team. Mariah studies History at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. She grew up on Bowen Island and is excited to learn more about its history.

Feel free to drop by to say hello!

Researchers

May has already brought a number of researchers to the Archives. A professor from Simon Fraser University came in to find information on the Union Steamship Company for a paper he is writing for a conference.

Another woman turned to us to find information about her father who used to own the Bowen Island Inn. The Archives is always open to anyone who wants to do research of specific Bowen Island topics, or simply wants to take a look at the hundreds of photos, documents and artifacts we have.

In the community

Keep your eyes out for the Historians this summer! We will have booths at many events around the island such as the Sunday Market and Bowfest.



*Dorothy Lawson and Marlene Mather in
the back of a 1924 Ford, before the 1992
Bowfest Parade*

Did you know...

The Historians are now on Twitter! You can follow us and our posts at <http://twitter.com/BowenHistorians> for updates, or if you have a Twitter account, search for @BowenHistorians.



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People, Plants, & Places Tour 2010 July 17th & 18th, 10am—4pm



It's back! The Bowen Island Historians and Bowen Island Memorial Garden Society are proud to bring you people, trains, plants, views, places and more on this year's PPP tour. Tickets are on sale for the tour taking place Saturday, July 17th and Sunday July 18th, 10am-4pm. This year, the tour includes a ride on a miniature train, unique architecture, and woodland retreats.

This event is a fundraiser for both organizations, and will provide inspiration for your own garden projects. Come with questions, ideas, and more, and explore the possibilities of gardening on the island while supporting the Historians and the Memorial Garden Society. Tickets are \$25 each, or for group orders of 10 or more, \$20 each. To reserve tickets e-mail your name, address and phone number to bowenppp@shaw.ca, or visit <http://www.bowenlandppp.org> for more information.

We are always looking for volunteers to help make this event a success! If you are interested in assisting hosts, collecting tickets, driving shuttles, or generally helping out, please contact volunteer coordinator Alison Morse at (604) 947-9875 or e-mail her at amm5@shaw.ca to volunteer.



**Bowen Island Historians
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and
COMMUNITY MUSEUM EXHIBIT
OPENING**

Sunday, June 20, 2010
AGM at 2:00pm
Exhibit Opening to follow
Museum & Archives garden
1014 Miller Rd (across from the RCMP)

AGENDA

- President's Report
- Financial Report
- Committee Reports
- Election of Directors
- Adjournment

Refreshments will be served.
Hope to see you there!

Museum & Archives Summer Hours
Daily: 10am - 4pm

Left: Union Estates garden and outbuildings, c. 1930



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Summer 2010 Exhibit: *Microclimates, Gardening & Architecture on Bowen Island*



John James Moore in his garden, c. 1910-1920

When designing our homes and gardens, many people are influenced by the physical geography of Bowen Island and its climate. While the Island shares a mild coastal climate, localised weather varies based on which part of the island the garden or house is situated, and is influenced by the elevation, surrounding features such as terrain and landscape, and the direction the property is facing. All of these factors help determine the temperature, sun and wind exposure, and precipitation on the land. The summer exhibit at the Community Museum will explore these trends, how islanders have adapted to the climate, and how it has helped shape Bowen's past, present and future.

Architecture also plays an important role in the way individuals interact with their land. Recently, there has been a

trend for buildings to integrate physical aspects of the property into the building design. Examples of this include letting natural light into the home as passive solar heating, using the soil as wall insulation, passive cooling with building materials like concrete, and rainwater catchment for home usage. Environmentally conscious design processes are becoming more popular on the Island as people ask for their new homes to be planned with the features of the land in mind.

The exhibit will also look at the history of the People, Plants, and Places tour, exploring the relationship between individuals and their environment, and how they come together to help form the community. Each garden included on the tour has unique features because of its specific location, and the gardeners involved have learned to maximize the land use to produce the best results. It also demonstrates how the Bowen

community finds its history through the decisions early settlers made about land use, and how that has changed over time.

How have Islanders adapted to our microclimates? Do they impact the way homes and gardens are designed? What are some ways humans interact and negotiate with the climate and wildlife on the island to create their own living space that meets their basic, spatial and recreational needs? Come visit us between June 20—September 6 to find out more!

Have a story to share about the history of land use on your property or in your garden? Contact us at bihistorians@telus.net or by phone 604-947-2655.

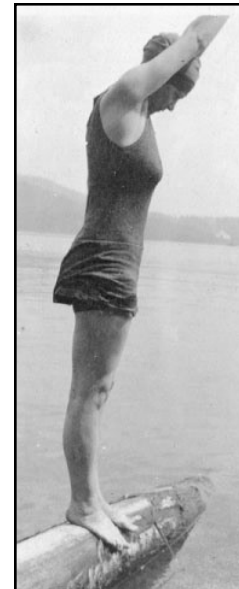


*How have islanders adapted to the landscape?
Photo: George Cowan's house at Cowan's Point, 1920s- 1940s.*

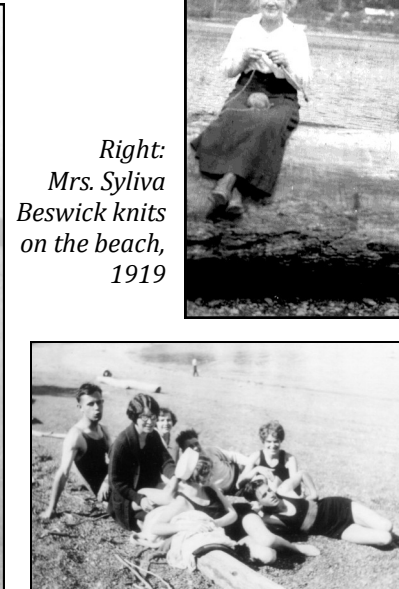


Beach Time

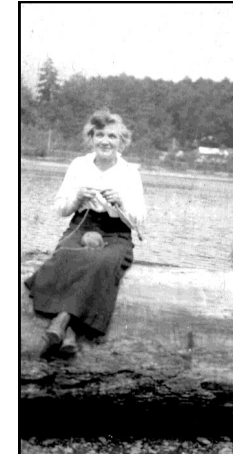
Islanders have always enjoyed time at the beach during the summer!



Unknown Diver



Young People at Hood Point, 1928



Right: Mrs. Syliva Beswick knits on the beach, 1919



Two boys playing in Snug Cove, 1930s-1940s



Thank-you

The Historians would like to thank André Chollat for his help with our garden this past winter. André has also replanted in our garden the Bowen Island Arts Council's tree to celebrate Ross Carter's contributions to the organization, and is helping with its care.

We would also like to thank this year's Historians' membership committee: Mary Letson, Lois Meyers-Carter and Marlene Mather. A special thank you to Mary for her insightful marketing ideas!

Thanks also to our members and volunteers for their continued support of our work to preserve Bowen Island's history.

*Left: Morely Maxwell & Friends, 1930s
Below: Cowan's Point Bathing Party, 1908*



Snippets From the Archives

Still a Place for Celebration of Memories

On June 8th the Archives has been invited to provide the entertainment for a group of Toronto nurses who will be celebrating the 45th anniversary of their graduation at the Lodge by the Sea. We have planned an illustrated talk, which will give a brief history of the Historians and the Island accompanied by a slide show. The main theme, since they are nurses, will be the story of our Bowen angels Kae MacNeill, Ellen Dorman and Tommy Smith's "Bowen Island General Hospital".

Microvolunteers

Our info ads in the Undercurrent and

BITE have brought results! We now have four microvolunteers who are a great help to us; Christine Firth, Carmen Dives, Leslie Churchland and Wayne Elliott. They come to us for one to three hours once a week and each has a special project. There are two more promised, Carla Reed and Susan Bell, but we have put them off until fall as we will have more people than space to work this summer.

Christine has been working with us for over a year making an inventory of our holdings. Carmen has taken time off from her busy real estate schedule to help with some real estate files that we have. Leslie is an old Bowen Islander who just now is helping make our Finding Aids easier to use and Wayne is helping us to catch up with

the scanning of our photographic collection.

Thank you to all our volunteers for their help!

Bowen's Young People Do Keep the Island in their Hearts

A delightful surprise happened at the end of a visit from a young woman who wanted to look at photographs and buy copies of a few of them. She revealed herself as Andrea Hurlburt, all grown up and a nurse!

The Archives always welcomes new researchers and visitors interested in digging up facts on Bowen's history!

*Dorothy Lawson
Archivist*

