



What's happening in...

DEEP COVE HERITAGE SOCIETY

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Burrard View School memories



DCHS 4816 – Burrard View School teachers 1957. Back row l to r – Mr. Humphries, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Keyes, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Pooley. Front row l to r – Miss Claps, Mrs. Denis, Miss Witcherly, Mrs McLean (formerly Miss Fox), Mrs. Love, Mrs. Niberg. Courtesy of Vicky Huxham.

Deep Cove Crier story by Eileen Smith

Here's a fun project for any former students, staff or the parents of persons who attended Burrard View School. Deep Cove Heritage Society has many of the old class photos from over the years, but not a lot of records of the memories – its time to fix that. Lots of folks who attended the school are still in this area and your memories are the treasures of our history. What do you remember about Burrard View School?

Following is some information and memories mainly from the early 1950s.

Burrard View School opened in 1948 and closed June 1990. It was located where the Burrardview Housing now resides (across from the little blue Church) on

Deep Cove Road. The original structure was at the west end of what was to be the final building and housed classrooms, offices and the staff room. Beneath it on ground level was the Boys' Basement and washroom and the Girls' Basement with washroom. To the west of the building was the "Field," that boasted only a plain baseball diamond, beyond it was the broad jump and high jump and lots of room beyond it to run around. West of that was a scrub forest, mostly maple trees; it was a forbidden area for the kids who referred to it as the "monkey trees."

During the 1950s, classes went from grades one to seven (it did go to grade eight some of the time); there were no home economics or industrial arts labs so

Calendar

Blueridge Good Neighbour Day — June 8

Indian Arm Boat Cruise — August 21

Spring Hours

Tues	10:00am – 4:00pm
Wed *	10:30am – 2:30pm
Thur	10:00am – 4:00pm
Fri *	10:00am – 4:00pm
Sat *	12:00pm – 4:00pm
Sun *	11:00am – 4:00pm

* when volunteers are available

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Website News

We are pleased to report that our website is now updated more regularly.

A relevant Vancouver Sun page from 1981 has been added under the Stories tab.

The archived newsletters are under the Resources tab at the top of the page.

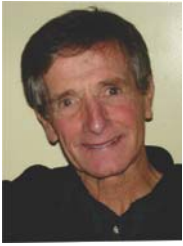
Email your photos and stories to us to: info@deepcoveheritage.com

Please check for office hours before dropping by. We depend on the generosity of our volunteers who can not always offer structured hours.

Contact us

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- Or send us an e-mail to: DeepCoveHeritage@shawcable.com
- Website: www.DeepCoveHeritage.com

President's Message



The Deep Cove Heritage Society's enthusiastic volunteers have many exciting projects on the go. We encourage you to come down and join

us as a volunteer. We would like to have our office open more, as well we have interesting history projects and cutting edge technical projects. We are all looking forward to our third annual Indian Arm Boat Cruise as well as the summer in general.

Sincerely, Tom Kirk,

Indian Arm Boat Cruise



DCHS 0275 Wigwam Inn, Arthur George collection

Just announced! Mark your calendar now ~

Thursday, August 21, 2014

Here is your chance to learn some of the history of Indian Arm from long-time local tour operator Mitch Bloomfield

Tickets \$25; this annual event always sells out fast!

DCHS Members can reserve after August 1 ~ call 604-929-5744
unsold seats will be available to the public after August 10.



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Times to be confirmed. Note: in case of stormy weather trip would be re-scheduled

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students were bussed to Queen Mary School or Sutherland once a week for those classes.

Deep Cove Heritage Society is fortunate to have some of the hand-written Minutes of the PTA meetings from the 50s. It was an active group which makes sense given the beginning of this decade was a time of enormous growth both with the baby boomers after the Second World War and the Seymour area recently changing from mainly summer homes to full time residences. The Deep Cove and Dollarton areas were somewhat cut off from the rest of North Vancouver and with mothers working at home, most families having only one car and televisions just beginning to come into homes, the PTA meetings might have been a bit of a social event as well.

Referring to its Minutes, in 1952 the PTA Executive recommended they ask for an addition to the school; that addition was added some before 1955

to the east side of the school. It contained classrooms on the top floor; two of those classrooms on the north side of the building had a wall separating them that could be lowered by manual pulleys enclosed in a small cupboard on one side of the room. When the wall was lowered, the now double-sized classroom was used for assemblies, presentations and piano recitals with the community. Sometimes the wall would be lowered while classes were in session so students at their desks would be awkwardly exposed to another class. The lower floor had the lunch room which in later years became the library. The third and final addition added around the late 50s was the gymnasium.

In the "Principal's Talk," recorded in the PTA Minutes on October 7, 1952, "Mr. Loucks brought to the attention of the meeting a few of the problems confronting the staff from day to day — unnamed rubbers, lunch boxes, dogs attending school & the need for having milk & lunch money brought on Thursday as requested." If you

were in Miss LeBlanc's class, it is noted month after month it won the best attendance prize. Other notes from the Minutes of early 50s tell of the Cub and Scout packs' gatherings leaving the school to go to the Anglican and United Churches because of the religious background of the organization. There was discussion re the building of a display case for sports day trophies (school teams were broken into North, South, East and West houses) and a saga about ordering two dozen school sport team sweaters that went on seemingly fruitless for several months; when they finally arrived, they were too small so were sold to the younger students for cost which was two dollars each before reordering larger sizes.

Do you have a favourite memory of Burrard View School? If so, please let us know; you can email your story to newspapers@telus.net or mail to Deep Cove Crier c/o Deep Cove Heritage Society, 4360 Gallant Ave., North Vancouver, BC V7G 1V5.

Heritage Programs for All

Are you a member of an organization looking for guest speakers and interesting visual Heritage programs, presenting local history? Then you have come to the right place.

The Deep Cove Heritage Society has been giving Educational Programs to the schools for many years now. Pat Morrice who is a long term member of our group, formally a Elementary and Pre-School teacher has been bringing "The Old Days" to life for many grade 2 and 3 students. She brings her trunk of old treasures and delights the students. Lynda Noel from Woodlands is her

new assistant and her enthusiasm for Heritage is infectious. She has prepared a super Q & A on Indian Arm Inlet which we encourage everyone to try!

Our archives hold hundreds of old photos of the area and we can make wonderful presentations with DVD or Power Point. These shows are particularly great for High Schools, Church Groups, Girl Guides, Scouts, Service Organizations and Community Groups.

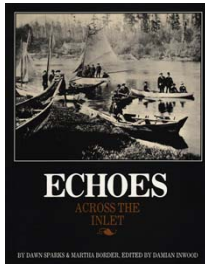
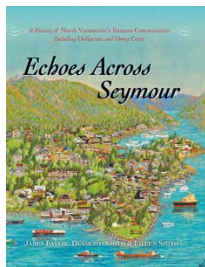
Janet Pavlik has actively been guest speaker at many events during the last year promoting the new book *Echoes*

Across Seymour. The book covering the 18 neighbourhoods of Seymour over the last 50 years was compiled by Janet Pavlik, Desmond Smith and Eileen Smith. She accompanies the presentations with Power Point photos from the book and our archives.

We invite you to come into our office and discuss any ideas you may have on future shows we can work with you on. Partnering with local groups is very important to us. If you are interested in volunteering for our organization please call 604-929-5744.

Echoes books

Echoes Across the Inlet and Echoes Across Seymour, make wonderful gifts for **Mother's Day**, **Father's Day** or even to celebrate **It's Nearly Summertime!** Stretch out, relax and read about the history of the Seymour area. These books available from our office and the Seymour Art Gallery gift shop.



Ralph Drew's book

Ralph Drew's book, *Forest & Fjord: The History of Belcarra*, has been selected by the judges of the BC Historical Federation as the winner of the first prize in the book competition, and also the Lieutenant-Governor's medal.

Both the award and medal will be presented by the Lt-Governor in a ceremony will take place on June 6th in Surrey. Copies of this book are available from the Heritage office.



Information quest

Patti Henderson wrote:

I am working on my family tree and am looking for information on a member of my extended family, Gwyneth Jeanne Lyons (nee Rees.)

Jeanne came to Canada from the UK after the war. She moved with Benjamin Nichol from Calgary, to the Deep Cove area around of 1979; they would have been about 65 years old.

Jeanne would have had a British Accent, Ben was from Saskatchewan. Please contact the Deep Cove Heritage office if you can provide any information and we will pass it on to Patti.

PLEASE SEND YOUR STORIES AND MEMORIES TO
info@DEEPCOVEHERITAGE.com

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Remembering Savoury Restaurant owner Augusto Pecorelli

Savoury Restaurant owner, Augusto Pecorelli died earlier this year. The Savoury Restaurant was legendary in Deep Cove from the 1970s to the 90s. Bruno Gerussi, of *Celebrity Cooks* and star of the *Beachcombers* was a familiar guest. The following is Augusto's obituary from newspapers:

Augusto Joaquim Pecorelli 1941–2014
Our beloved Augusto Joaquim passed away unexpectedly on January 22, 2014 following a brief illness.

Born in Carrapichana, Portugal, he immigrated to Canada in 1963, living in Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver. For the past 40 years, Augusto enriched the lives of those around him with his passion for fine cuisine. In 1974 he established The Savoury restaurant in Deep Cove. Later, his adventurous wild game menu at the Moka Cafe delighted his followers. His interest in new recipes and coffee continued, and

he pursued his talent for fine book binding. Augusto was moved by beauty and took pride in all that he created. His appreciation of humanity was legendary, and so was his kindness. His loss is deeply felt by his loving family, friends, and associates, both in Portugal and Canada. A toast to Augusto.

Mass was held on Thursday February 06 at Our Lady of Sorrows.



Above DCHS 4746 The Savoury with snowy roof and orange door; on Gallant 1980 courtesy Jackie Brown. Top right DCHS 0889 The Savoury Restaurant 1970s photo by Adrian Schweitzer; bottom right DCHS 4142 Murder Mystery Night in the Savoury c1992 photo by Eileen Smith



Be involved in your community

We are looking for more volunteers to mingle with visitors to our office. We would appreciate it if you could volunteer occasionally. Also, do you have expertise or interest in one or more of the following:

- Working with the local schools on Heritage Projects
- Talking with local Seniors to obtain stories/photos
- Giving 2–4 hours a month assisting in the office
- Using computer skills to send messages,

work on the Newsletter and correspondence

- Working on Archival projects
 - Creating displays
 - Assisting in obtaining grants and/or fund-raising projects
 - Publicity experience
 - Giving presentations to Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Seniors Groups
 - Phoning committee
- Call and volunteer!
Our number is 604-929-5744.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES



0048 - The Nutshell at time of purchase by Graves' family. A summer take-out stand for ice cream, hot dogs and pop that often had long line-ups on sunny weekends in the '50s. It was located where the Arms Reach currently resides.