



What's happening in...

DEEP COVE HERITAGE SOCIETY

Late Summer 2015

Indian Arm Boat Cruise



DCHS #4968 - The annual Indian Arm Boat Cruise, Mitch Bloomfield at the wheel, with Tom Kirk to his right and members and friends of the Deep Cove Heritage Society. Photo courtesy Wendy Bullen Stephenson.

The always popular Indian Arm Boat Cruise

by Wendy Bullen Stephenson

Representing the Deep Cove Heritage Society, Tom Kirk boards the ship, Oceanwatch II, to welcome members and friends to the annual Indian Arm boat cruise August 27. During an almost four-hour tour from the Cove dock to Wigwam Inn and back via Bedwell Bay, the participants found the event totally engaging, largely due to the informative and entertaining stories of Mitch Bloomfield, the ship's captain (standing at the wheel above). Along the way, he enlightened us on natural phenomenon such as Silver Falls (photo page 2), Granite Falls, and various creeks and provided

fascinating facts about depths of water. Deep Cove is apparently shallower than many of us have thought, but the inlet itself is as deep as some of Vancouver's tallest buildings.

While providing some insight into First Nations activities in this their traditional territory, Mitch motored close to rock faces so we could see some of the Tsleil-Waututh people's ancient petroglyphs. He also described the mass of pink salmon that have been jumping this season, the fish's abundance being the result of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation's fish restocking efforts of the last couple of years.

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Calendar

- Parkgate Days — Sept 12 from 10–2
 - Don Elliott's Lions film 1960s re-shown Sun Sept 27 in meeting room at 2:00pm.
 - Culture Days — Sept 25–27
- Full calendar listings on our website.

Autumn Hours

Tues	10:00am – 4:00pm
Thur	10:00am – 4:00pm

Deep Cove Heritage Society is looking for volunteers to help keep our office open for visitors to the area. If you are interested in helping, please call Gail at 604-929-5744.

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Website News

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

We will be adding documents we have acquired, check under News online

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.

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President's Message



Our Heritage Team including Hope Morris and Brian Wilson certainly did a great job of keeping the Heritage office going this sunny, hot summer and I

wondered about heat waves in the past. There were many more swimmers joining myself and veteran Heritage friend Lois Nordin in Deepwater and I bet she hasn't missed a year in her over 50 years of living here — daily the whole world descended on the Cove beach.

I am pleased to report that our "Thursday Chat Group" has really taken off. We were delighted to welcome many visitors and locals who stopped by for a coffee and share memories and photos with us. Lorna Anderson's enthusiastic welcome made everyone feel at ease. Visits from the Peterson family filled in gaps we had on the Deep Cove Lodge in the 50s. Please see article by Mary Peterson Bennett in this newsletter. We plan to keep these chat groups going on Thursdays 11:30am to 1:00pm and invite you to call into the office and pick up our coffee invitation redeemable at Pomegranate Cafe across the street.

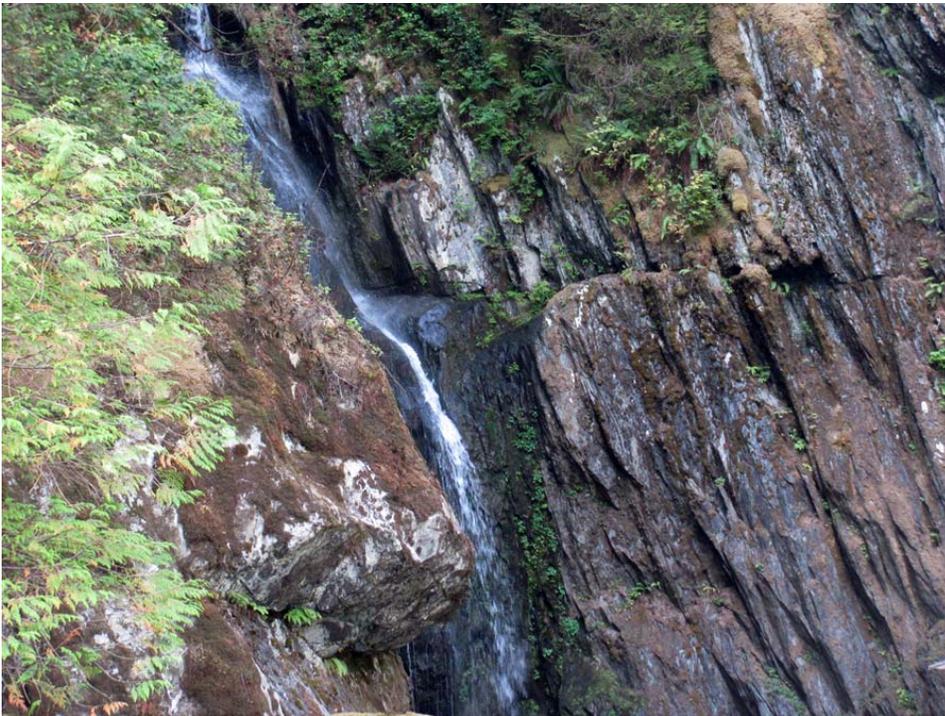
If you missed the film in February showing the fifty years history of the Mount Seymour Lions Club we will be showing it again for the Elliott, Thornley and Thompson families on Sunday, September 27th at 2:30pm in the meeting room of the Cultural Centre as part of Culture Days on the North Shore.

Book sales have been brisk this summer and I participated in a book signing afternoon with other writers in Point Roberts, WA in August and was pleasantly surprised to sell all the books I had taken.

Looking forward to a busy fall and winter and I thank you all again for supporting your local Historians.

Janet Pavlik, President

Indian Arm Boat Cruise recap cont'd



DCHS #4969 - Above: Silver Falls near end of drought courtesy Wendy Bullen Stephenson

Mitch also discussed the fascinating social backgrounds of some of the beachfront settlements such as Woodlands, Brighton Beach (shown?), Camp Jubilee, and Wigwam Inn, as well as others that were established near the beginning of the last century. There is more information on some of these

communities in the Deep Cove Heritage Society's first book, *Echoes Across the Inlet*.

Mitch described the intrigue surrounding Wigwam Inn's various manifestations starting as a luxury resort and fishing lodge to harbouring a powerful German

warlord during World War One. He also alluded to subsequent ill repute associated with the Inn as a gambling casino, house of prostitution, and as a drug haven including during the hippy era in the early 1970s. Today in its current role as an overnight destination for members of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, the Inn again looks like a thriving resort.

Mitch also filled us in on scandal surrounding the murder of the architect of the Bunzen Power House— Francis Rattenbury— and the subsequent suicide of his wife after the conviction of her 19-year-old lover for Rattenbury's brutal death. This architect also designed the Victoria Legislative Buildings and the Empress Hotel among other notable edifices.

After such a fascinating and memorable day, those who attended agreed this annual community outreach program by Deep Cove Heritage Society is a winner.

Family Reunion

Peterson Siblings: Then and Now

by Mary Peterson Bennett

It was the youngest in the family, Pete Peterson (not to be confused with our Dad, whose actual name was Marius or Morris but was known as Pete) who decided that we four siblings would get together this summer. He booked his flight from PEI and both apartments at Cove View Accommodations and we three sisters showed up. The last time we'd all been together was 24 years ago for our mother's 75th birthday and a family wedding.

Everyone reading this knows that Deep Cove is a wonderful place now and many of you know it was also a wonderful place back in 1942–1957 when we lived there. I tell people it was more like a small town and less like a suburb at that time. As an aside during our two week visit we kept arriving in places early because back in those days it took a lot longer to get from the Cove to other parts of Metro Vancouver.

For me there was some sadness in being there and reminiscing. Our dad was an optimistic but unsuccessful business-man who would start up new stores and restaurants every year or so expecting this one would be the right location. So until 1957, we always returned to 229 Park Avenue, but were gone for half the year to live behind some business in North Vancouver. As well as Burrard View, we also attended Norgate, Lonsdale, Queen Mary and Ridgeway schools in North Vancouver. Pete and I remember returning to Deep Cove and a teacher introducing the "new kid" to the class to have the class

laugh and say, "Oh, the Petersons are back!"

I cried when we were told we would not be returning to "Deepwater Lodge" ever again as it had been sold. The new owner in a memoir referred to it as "the dump he bought"; but for us it was the best place we ever lived.



DCHS #4970 - Clockwise from top: Ruth, Irene, Peter and Mary, 1951 on Park Avenue (now Rockcliffe) with our Granny (Fanny Parker).
Photo courtesy Mary Peterson Bennett

During July, we found old friends on Facebook, attended two heritage chats and Pete and I walked to the top of the rock opposite Rockcliff. They say you can't go home again, but it was good (after all) to have reconnected with those times.

Thank you to Hope, Janet and Eileen of Deep Cove Heritage Society for so enthusiastically welcoming us to reminisce and reconnect.

And to Wayne Smith who I'd met at a writing group back in January. I joined the group for lunch afterwards and happened to sit beside Wayne. I ordered Crab Benedict, the special of the day, and then Wayne remarked he got more crab than he could eat. I couldn't imagine such a thing. I mentioned how I used to live in Deep Cove and our dad would bring home fresh crab. He said that's where his crab came from too. I then said that my siblings would be in the Cove for a reunion this summer and he asked where we were staying. "Some place on what used to be Myrtle," I replied. He opened his laptop and said, "Peterson, right? Yes, you're staying in my place." I was struck by the synchronicity of this coincidence. I almost got too much crab during the time we stayed at Wayne's place.

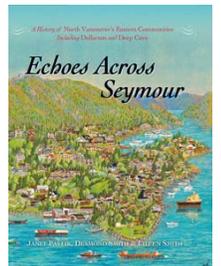
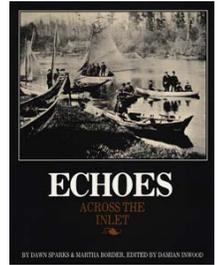
My brother has already decided to return in 2016 for a family wedding. Meanwhile I've learned it's a short trip to the Cove by transit from Kitsilano and expect to visit more often. After the siblings all went home I came with a friend to one of the summer concerts and felt it was now the "real Mary Bennett" who was returning rather than the little girl who had lived in and lost her home in Deep Cove nearly 60 years ago. Turns out you can go home again although "home" and "you" will have changed. Of course.

PLEASE SEND YOUR STORIES AND MEMORIES TO
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Echoes books

Echoes Across the Inlet and *Echoes Across Seymour*, make wonderful gifts for visitors or your own reading. Stretch out, relax and read about the history of the Seymour area. These books are available from our office and the Seymour Art Gallery gift shop.



Be involved in your community

We are looking for more volunteers to mingle with visitors to our office or help with our events. If you can help out with any of the following, even occasionally, please get in touch with us.

- Welcome visitors to our office (three-hour shift, morning or afternoon)
 - Accompany other volunteers when they attend community events by handing out brochures or selling our books. This would include events like Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, Deep Cove Daze or Parkgate Community Days, etc. Any one of them or all of them would be very helpful.
 - Help set up and take down chairs for our Guest Speaker Events when needed, usually 9am to noon four times per year.
 - Accompany other volunteers visiting Grade Two classes for history talks twice a year for one or two hours.
 - Help out at fund-raisers to either sell tickets or help set up event and silent auction (twice per year).
 - Grades 10, 11 and 12 students are welcome to volunteer.
- If you can help, call our office administrator, **Gail Hanlon**, at 604-929-5744 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm or email her at: deepcoveheritage@shawcable.com

Executive 2015

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Trying to get it right!

We try to verify all our information, but if you think we have something wrong, please e-mail or call the office at 604-929-5744. Thank you.

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WWW.DEEPCOVEHERITAGE.COM

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