

What's happening in...

# DEEP COVE HERITAGE SOCIETY

November 2001

## Rebirth of the Lions Gate Bridge a very special presentation

Deep Cove Heritage Society is delighted to invite you to a very topical, fascinating Historical afternoon with Donald Luxton, prominent Vancouver Historian. The show will take place at 2:30 pm in the Deep Cove Shaw Theatre, 4360 Gallant Ave., North Van. Admission is by donation.

Donald Luxton's presentation of the History of the Construction and Reconstruction of the Lions Gate Bridge will bring you right up to date...it is sure to be a great afternoon.



Authors of  
*Lions Gate*,  
Lilia D'Acres  
and  
Donald  
Luxton.

(Eliza Massey  
Photography)

### The Presentation

Unique among our bridges, the Lions Gate was built by private English capital during the Great Depression. The story of its conception and construction was a clash of titans, pitting industrialists and investors against entrenched political forces, in a battle that raged all the way to the Prime Minister's office in Ottawa, marking the second largest land deal ever undertaken in Vancouver. Its current reconstruction has been no less controversial, pitting environmentalists and other activists against those seeking to relieve congestion on our "Car-Strangled Spanner."

Finally, after years of planning and construction, the rehabilitation of the Lions Gate Bridge is nearing completion. Join local historian Donald Luxton, co-author of *Lions Gate*, for an illustrated slide talk about how and why the bridge was originally built, and the dramatic story of its rehabilitation and rebirth.

An added bonus will be the screening of rare film footage of the construction of the bridge, shot in colour in 1937 and 1938.

Copies of the book *Lions Gate* will be available for sale at a special price for those attending the talk.

### The Book *LIONS GATE*

Written by Lilia D'Acres and Donald Luxton, and published in 1999 by TalonBooks, *Lions Gate* tells the remarkable story of the construction of Vancouver's landmark Lions Gate Bridge. Widely acknowledged as a definitive work, it won numerous literary and heritage awards, including the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for Historical Writing, 2000; the British Columbia Historical Federation Competition for Writers of B.C. History, First Prize; B.C. Book Prizes 2000, Nominee, Bill Duthie B.C. Booksellers Choice Award; the City of Vancouver Heritage Award of Honour, 2000; the West Vancouver Heritage Achievement Award of Excellence, 2000; the Vancouver Historical Society Award, 2000; and the Heritage Society of British Columbia Outstanding Achievement Award, 2000.



"The first section of the steel roadbed... was raised from a scow to the centre of the span by a steam hoist on shore... In twelve days 174 sections, weighing 1,572 tons, were in place." *Lions Gate*.

### Calendar

- Nov. 3 10am–2pm ~ **Craft Fair**, Parkgate Community Centre
- Nov 12 7pm Deep Cove Heritage **meeting** in Cultural Centre
- Nov 18 2:30pm ~ **Rebirth of Lions Gate Bridge**, historical film in Deep Cove Shaw Theatre
- Dec 8 12:30–2:30pm **Heritage Tree**, bring an Heritage decoration and have a visit
- Dec 10 7pm Heritage **meeting** in Cultural Centre followed by decorating the Heritage Tree
- Dec 15 7pm **Carol Ship Night** in Deep Cove, view from Panorama Park

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# Busy Summer for Heritage

President's report:

Co-Ordinator Mary Johnson and I spent many hours in the Heritage office this summer re-organizing files, applying for grants, planning events and talking with the community about ways Heritage can make a difference in Deep Cove. Our location in the Deep Cove Cultural Centre is very well placed and our dream is to be able to have the funds and volunteers to keep the office open on a more regular basis. We have a great archival collection of photos and records of the history and evolution of the Cove and need to share it with everyone. We participate in as many local events as we can and welcome the opportunity to offer programs to other groups. We have obtained a very state of the art video projector and large screen which enables us to have some very exciting shows such as the event on November 18th.

Mary and I attended the Woodlands Regatta on July 28th and were pleased to see that they still hold an event that has changed very little over the last 100 years! Great old fashioned fun! We did have a booth at Deep Cove Daze and thank everyone for supporting us with raffle and book sales. The event was a great success and special thanks were given to Pat Morrice, Pam Juryn, Audrey Jenkins, Harvey Burt, Robin Cameron, Mary Johnson and Eric Morter.

The big event was, of course, our participation in the North Shore Heritage weekend September 15th and 16th with our *Stitches in Time* exhibition. Mary and I attended many meetings with the North Shore group made up of representatives of the three municipalities. We are now busy working on November 3rd, Parkgate Craft Fair and our Lions Gate Bridge presentation November 18th. On December 10th we will be decorating a "Heritage Christmas Tree" and call on anyone who has an "Old or Heritage" decoration to bring it by on Saturday, December 8th, between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm.

Thank you all for your continued interest and support and I encourage everyone to renew their membership in order for us to bring to you interesting programs for the coming year. I wish you all a great Heritage Christmas!

Janet Pavlik, President

## Did you know?

In 1927 John Moore opened the first grocery store in Deep Cove. At that time, Deep Cove was becoming a popular destination with campers, many of whom were beginning to build summer cabins in the area.

# Thank you, Mary!

Over the last year Mary Johnson has been our trusty co-ordinator. "My goodness" she said, "I had no idea how much time is involved in being the co-ordinator, it's quite a full time job really!" Mary put in many more hours and constantly was there for all our activities. The quilting show was her very own event and we worked under her guidance to bring it together, well done Mary! "I want to still be a part of the group but have to let the position of co-ordinator pass to someone else" she said. We have been very lucky to have Mary carry this position over the year and thank this very gracious lady again for everything she has done for us.

## Welcome, Eileen

We welcome Eileen Smith, who became our new co-ordinator in October. We are so fortunate to have this very community minded lady. Many of you know her already for her untiring involvement with First Impressions Theatre. In fact, Eileen and husband Michael have been an integral part of the Deep Cove Cultural Centre since its beginnings 10 years ago. Eileen brings to us all her memories of the Cove, yes she was born here! Her parents' home dates back to the 40s. It will be fun to have Eileen around when we start on our second book...the last 50 years!

**Not to be missed! Rebirth of the Lions Gate Bridge historical film presentation on Nov 18, at 2:30 pm in the theatre.**

## More photos from Lions Gate



At left: One of the two grand Art Deco lion sculptures by Vancouver sculptor Charles Marega guard the south entry to the bridge. Photo by James Crookall. (City of Vancouver Archives.)

Above: A South American barque *T.V. Kruse* passing under Lions Gate, 1939, (Vancouver Public Library.)

At right: Evelyn Caldwell, aka journalist "Penny Wise," was the first woman to cross the Lions Gate Bridge, (North Shore Museum & Archives.)



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Heritage President Janet Pavlik presented member Pat Morrice with a Volunteer of the Year medallion on North Shore Heritage Weekend.

## Volunteer honoured

On Sept 16th, as part of Heritage Weekend, the group honoured one of their special volunteers, Pat Morrice with a “Volunteer of the Year award.” Pat works tirelessly in the community and has volunteered her time and energies with many groups.

She has worked on committees for many years and has, through her enthusiasm and support, encouraged us to move forward with our projects. She is always willing to come out and fill in for Saturdays and assist in all our projects.

Deep Cove Heritage Society are proud to recognize Pat Morrice as a vital member of our community and honour her as our “Volunteer of the Year.”

## Heritage Education and the great Heritage Trunk

Luciana Johnson is one busy lady! With school age children of her own she has successfully brought our Heritage into the local school classrooms. In fact, her presentation was such a success that she has been asked by teachers to return to Sherwood Park School and make a first visit to Cove Cliff School. Her presentation enhances the Grade Three’s Pioneer Classes. The presentation consists of a slide show, talk and walk to heritage points in the area.

Luciana is also working on the Heritage Trunk project. The trunk is to contain artifacts from the 40s, 50s and 60s. If you have any heritage artifacts you can donate or lend to this project we would be very appreciative. You can call the office at 929-5744. The Heritage Trunk will be making the rounds to schools and other heritage events.

## Stitches in Time

The exhibit presented during North Shore Heritage Weekend, was a tremendous success. The success was due to the enormous work and effort of Mary Johnson. We were able to display a very unique show. Close to 200 community people came through to visit. Special thanks to Mary Johnson and June Drake for their artistic presentations and to Marilyn Myers and Pam Juryn for assisting on promotions.

## Annual Craft Fair

Plan on stopping by our booth Nov. 3 from 10am–2pm at the Parkgate Community Centre Christmas Craft Fair. We will have Heritage Christmas cards for sale at a very attractive price; our ever popular cookbook should be in everyone’s stocking! Great fun sharing community recipes. If you haven’t got your *Echoes Across the Inlet* book we only have 50 left...there will be no reprints. There will also be a raffle of Heritage goodies, and you can become a member or renew your membership. Learn more about the upcoming show *Rebirth of the Lions Gate Bridge* on Nov. 18th.



*The Stitch in Time* featured many beautiful quilts, as well, the exhibition included some exquisite heritage handmade lace (above). The photo at bottom left features John Pavlik and his sister Majka.

## So long, to some very special Pioneers

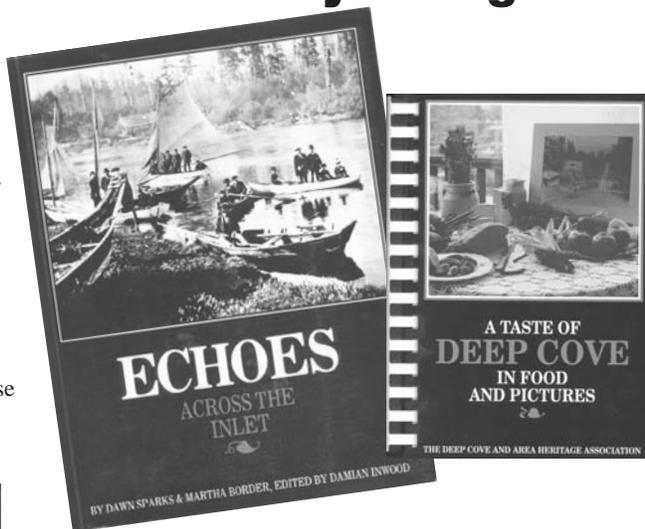
Janet recognized three Deep Cove Pioneers who passed away in September. Bob Wells was one the original residents who encouraged her to start a Historical record of Deep Cove. “I interviewed him for Community T.V. in 1975 and have a lively account of the 30s and 40s” she said. “Gwen Murray was a very enthusiastic member of our group and kindly held many meetings in her comfortable Deep Cove home, thank you Gwen for the tea and goodies! Dorothy Dobson was active with us up to the last year of her life and through her efforts to remind us regularly of meetings our attendance at meetings has been wonderful. Thank you all we will miss you.”



Manning the DC Heritage exhibit at Deep Cove Daze 2001 are l. to r. Pat Morrice, Eric Morter, Janet Pavlik and Mary Johnson

## It's nearly that time of year again...

Deep Cove Heritage Society offers many exciting and affordable gift ideas. There are a very few copies of our heritage book of the area *Echoes Across the Inlet* available for \$22, our popular cookbook *A Taste of Deep Cove* is only \$5, we have Christmas cards for \$5 per package of 8, as well as this, that and the other thing. Drop by our office or purchase at the Seymour Art Gallery.

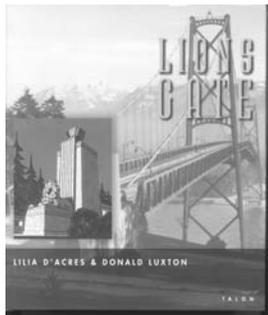


## Call for Volunteers

We are looking for more volunteers to mingle with visitors to our office. We are open on Saturdays from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, and 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 with research on our next Heritage book
  - 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 929-5744.



## Fabulous Raffle!

A copy of the award winning *Lions Gate* by Donald Luxton and Lilia D'Acres, (at left) along with this society's blockbuster hits *Echoes Across the Inlet* and scrumptious *A Taste of Deep Cove* cookbook (shown above). If you already have them, they will be terrific gifts! Tickets are only 3 for \$5 and can be purchased at the Craft Fair, at our office or at the Rebirth of the Lions Gate presentation. The draw will follow the Christmas party on December 10.

## Your Membership Is Important To Us

"I forget if I joined this year" ... "I really will send you a cheque!" ... "I know it's not much money, I'll drop in to the office on Saturday."

I know everyone means well, and wishes us all the best, but very few of you made the effort to join last year.

When January comes around it is time to

renew your membership, or to join the Society again. Please fill out the form, and send it to us. We will send you your membership card for this year. We have expenses such as rent on our office, mailing and office expenses, display and classroom expenses.

We are trying to write a new book about Deep Cove. Everything costs money, so please make the effort this year. You will have our heart-felt thanks.

Please help us preserve and publicize our heritage in this beautiful part of the world.

Pam Juryn, Membership Chairman

**Membership dues cover Jan-Dec 2002. Pay yours before the draw on Dec 10th and get three free tickets in the raffle!**

## Membership Form

Membership is  \$10.00 per year individual,  \$15.00 family,  \$8.00 seniors and  \$100.00 life membership.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_



Enclosed is my cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to

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