



What's happening in...

DEEP COVE HERITAGE SOCIETY

Summer 2020



DCHS #4626 Ron and Pat Morrice, 2004

Pat & Ron Morrice

Ron and Pat Morrice moved to the new Roslyn Park subdivision in Dollarton in 1959 and built their dream house with a view of Burrard Inlet. It was here they raised their four children, but busy family life did not prevent them, even from the start, of being tireless volunteers to their community.

Pat was a mother, a trained nurse, a painter, writer, poet and gardener. She started the first daycare in the area, as well as the first "Take a Break," exercise group in her basement. She volunteered teaching art to preschool children. She was the first in line to organize events for Mount Seymour Lions, including egg and spoon races and sack races for King Neptune's Carnival held in Cates Park. She volunteered for United Church events.

Her close friendship with Janet Pavlik led to her volunteer work, beginning in the 1970s, for Deep Cove Heritage. On behalf of

this group she gave school presentations of the area history and tirelessly planned and promoted fund-raisers, rummage sales and boot sales in the parking lot. The countless hours she put into volunteering were rewarded, not that she was looking to be rewarded, when she received the Volunteer of the Year Award presented from the then North Vancouver District Mayor, Don Bell.

The idea of a garden located outside the Heritage office at the Deep Cove Cultural Centre was the brainchild of Pat Morrice and Mary Johnson. Once that dream was realized, Pat tended the garden for many years. Surrounding the garden are family memorial bricks, an ongoing fund-raiser for Deep Cove Heritage. Only a few bricks remain available. The garden was officially named the Pat Morrice Deep Cove Heritage Garden in 2015. This group suffered a great loss when Pat passed away

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Calendar

- Blueridge Good Neighbour Day cancelled
- Both our Bus Tour and Boat cruise — are cancelled

BUT ~ do drop by to see our new lobby display case featuring photos and information on Blair Rifle Range!

Office Hours

Opening Thursdays 11am to 4pm beginning June 25.

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 604-929-5744.

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Website News

Check out our website for more information regarding upcoming events.

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



Day85..... Picking up my journal to record my thoughts and the events of the day, I think about past times of crisis and uncertainty. Journal writers in the past have recorded stories

of the events of the world's wars, of sicknesses that ran through communities, of times of immigration, and of families suffering hardships. Without their stories

and their truths, how could we hear their voices, exposing their lives in their own words? Whether recorded in journals, letters, books, pictures, or told by those who lived it, to those who listen, we learn of their lives and their communities where they lived.

Heritage, the keeping of the past, passed down through generations, honours those stories and voices and preserves history so we today can learn, understand, and change. Heritage is ongoing as we continue to listen and hear all the voices of today, for

the future. During the current crisis, keeping so many close to, or at home, we are finding time to reflect on our homes and communities and learn in many ways. Exploring the past is one way we can chose to listen and to learn.

Wherever and however you find yourself during these difficult and unsettled times, I hope we can all reflect on Dr. Bonnie Henry's words,

“Be kind, be calm and stay safe. “

Liz

Pat and Ron Morrice ...from Page 1

in 2017, and still misses her and her perpetual enthusiasm.

While Pat was volunteering, it was her husband, Ron, who was literally doing the heavy lifting when it was required to help Pat with her projects. An athlete, he was still playing hockey until his late 80s. Ron was extremely dedicated to his passions and is still a very active charter member with the Mount Seymour Lions, serving a term as President. From the time he moved to Dollarton, he was the guy who could help out and fix anything for his neighbours. As an automotive instructor at Vancouver Vocational College, his knowledge was prized. Community events saw Ron there when the booths were set up and when the booths came down at the end. It was Ron who organized many of the Lions' events, always encouraging people to take part.

Year after year, after year, there was Ron at the Penguin Plunge in the Cove; helping John Pavlik with his Breakfast with Santa at Parkgate; working the King Neptune Parade and Fair at Cates Park and building the picnic shelter in Panorama Park. On behalf of the Lions, he even brought motorcycle races to the Agrodome at the PNE. He is still always there and ready to help his community.

When the Mount Seymour Lions created the Mount Seymour Housing Society, their low-income housing for seniors projects, Ron was heavily involved. The third project was Lions Manor in Deep



Above, DCHS #3291 — Pat and Ron Morrice in 2005, below plaque at left at Lion Ron Morrice and Manor and at right in the Deep Cove Heritage Society garden.



Cove. It opened in 1988, Ron, although not the site manager, was always there to lend a hand when needed. When fire severely damaged the structure on July 24, 2018, it was closed. It has since been rebuilt and residents started moving back in May 2020. Ron was there for the re-opening and the building was fittingly renamed Lion Ron Morrice Manor.

Janet Pavlik said it best, “Pat and Ron Morrice are quintessential volunteers.”

Executive 2020

President	Liz Jenkins Bollmann
Vice President	Eileen Smith
Treasurer/Secretary	Louise Hart
Directors	Marilyn Myers, Tom Kirk, Vickie Boughen, Janet Pavlik

Projects Team

Co-ordinator	Jim Slight
Office Volunteers	Cathy Robinson Hichem Rehouma
Photo Wrangler	Eileen Smith
Archival Project	Vickie Boughen
Archival Project	Liz Bollmann

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.

Jug Island



JUG ISLAND — got its name from the “rock handle,” that crumbled into the sea in the late 1950s or early 1960s. The photo far right is one of our early residents, George Dobson paddling past it in the 1930s. Jug Island, top left centre, as viewed from Deep Cove is in the municipality of Belcarra, in the early 1950s photo. The centre photos close-up of the Island taken c1930s shows the edge of the handle rock formation. Paddling by, the crumbled handle is still visible today.



PHOTOS: DCHS photo #0382 view from Deep Cove courtesy Mrs. Mary Rowlings; photo #0301 Jug Island courtesy Arthur George; #0506, George Dobson paddling by Jug Island rock handle courtesy Mr. & Mrs George Dobson;

Little bits of interest

During the Covid 19 Crisis an alarming number of things have been cancelled, but there are still some things that are just barreling along!

Special thanks to Merrilee Davis, Bruce and Shirley Macdonald for cleaning the family bricks in our Heritage Garden.

Welcome Keith Dunn!

We are looking forward to working with our new volunteer, Keith Dunn. A man of many talents including photography, map making and computer wizardry, this Blueridge resident has a lot to offer.

Uncle Al's Cabin Tours

Uncle Al's superb summer cabin tours return this summer. This is an unique Canadian cultural tour with visits to historic cabin sites on Mount Seymour. If you are interested in taking part in a special fund-raising tour for Deep Cove Heritage Society, please contact the office. Date to be announced.

Blair Rifle Range

We have a new lobby photo display

featuring Donna Sacuto's paper on the history of the strange section of brambles along the Mount Seymour Parkway. You can read the paper on our website. Fascinating!

North Shore Elder College

Classes are now online, with new course schedules about to be announced, go to www.nseldercollege.org and learn all about it!

Second Narrows Bridge collapse

June 17, 1958, the new partially built bridge was partway across the harbour when it suddenly collapsed; shock waves reached Deep Cove. Seventy-nine workers plunged 175 feet below into the inlet. Eighteen died along with one rescue diver. Do you have memories of this event?

Requests — can you help us?

We have been asked to locate:

- photos of the **cabin community once situated in Cates Park** (not the Maplewood Flats cabins)

- information about **Col. Philip Bushby** resident of Deep Cove in 1950s to 1960s. He was a keen car collector and organized a number of gatherings.



DCHS #1953 — Second Narrows Bridge collapse June 17, 1958 — courtesy Fred & Marilyn Myers

Correction re bridge

Thank you to Philip Sunderland who noted in an earlier version of this newsletter that the photo posted was actually damage to the railway bridge and not of the collapse of what is now the Ironworkers' Memorial Second Narrows Bridge. Now we have the correct photo.

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



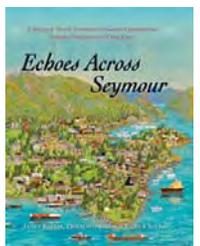
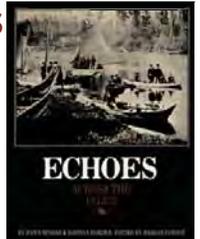
Book bags

Our roomy canvas tote bags with 1950s Cove photo only \$10 from the office.



Local books

Echoes Across the Inlet and Echoes Across Seymour, and Ralph Drew's books *Forest & Fjord*, *Ferries & Fjord*, *Townsite of Ioco and Coquitlam Chronicals*, all are loaded with pictures. Great reading and for gifts. All available from our office.

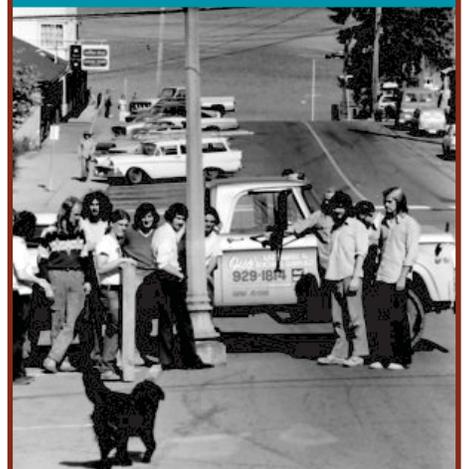


Be involved in your community

Once we get the go-ahead, we will be 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 any Special Meeting Events when needed, usually a weekday morning.
 - Accompany other volunteers for occasional history talks for one or two hours.
 - Help out at fund-raisers to either sell tickets or help set up event and silent auction.
 - Grades 10, 11 and 12 students are welcome to volunteer.
- If you can help, call our office administrator, at 604-929-5744 Thursdays from 11am to 4pm or send email to:
- deepcoveheritage@gmail.com**

FROM OUR ARCHIVES



DCHS #4579-3 – Moving the lamppost, 1970s, courtesy Adrian Schweitzer

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW.DEEPCOVEHERITAGE.COM

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