

Archives  
of  
The Old School House

Qualicum Beach, B.C.  
1987

In Loving Memory of  
Bob Nicol  
Chairman, Fundraising

Donated by Carol Nicol,  
Founding Secretary



Those who  
wait on the Lord  
shall renew their strength;

*They shall mount up  
with wings like eagles*

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
FOR  
ROBERT DONALD NICOL**

January 10, 2004

Minister: Phil Spencer  
Organist: Darla Clarke

**PRELUDE**

**SCRIPTURE SENTENCES**

**GREETING**

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN:** "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because you've given Jesus Christ, your Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong"  
Let the poor say "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

- *Smith, Henry*

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**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

**MEDLEY:** "Loch Lomond/Bluebirds Over The White Cliffs of Dover"

**SHARING:** David Nicol

**HYMN:** "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

**SHARING**

Jerry Davidson – Air Force Days

Ray Zoost – Golf

Lyle Lamont – Children's Baseball Canaco League, Mazatlan

**HYMN: "Precious Lord"**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

- Thomas A. Dorsey

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**HOMILY****PRAYER****HYMN: "Softly and Tenderly"**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling  
Calling for you and for me  
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching  
Watching for you and for me!

“Come home! Come home! Ye who are weary come home!”  
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling—calling, O sinner,  
“Come home!”

Oh for the wonderful love He has promised  
Promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon  
Pardon for you and for me!

- Will L. Thompson

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**LEGION CEREMONY/PIPER** – Jack Reay “Amazing Grace” “Going Home”

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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You are invited to the Royal Canadian Legion for refreshments and sharing following the service. There will also be a video, memory board and photos for viewing.



**ROBERT DONALD NICOL "BOB"**

**Per Ardua Ad Astra  
(Through Adversity To The Stars)  
...RCAF Motto**

*The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my sheperd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and  
thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil:  
my cup runneth over.*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**ROBERT DONALD NICOL**  
**"BOB"**

**Born**

December 30, 1933  
Victoria, British Columbia

**Passed Away**

December 21, 2003  
Qualicum Beach, British Columbia

**Celebration of Life**

Saturday, January 10, 2004 at 1:30 P.M.  
St. Stephen's United Church  
Qualicum Beach, British Columbia

**Officiating**

Reverend Phil Spencer

**Organist**

Darla Clarke

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Brian Nicol	Joanie Sundin Spina
Wayne Nicol	Lynn Nicol-Stonier
Malcolm Patterson	Bill Sundin     Pete Wells

**Legion Master of Ceremonies**

Colin McPherson

**“BOB” ROBERT DONALD NICOL** of Qualicum Beach, BC known for his eternal optimism, and energy to help others, went Home to be with the Lord on December 21, 2003, peacefully at home, after a courageous battle with pancreatic-liver cancer.

Survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Carol; 1 son Cameron (Julie) of Lynwood, WA; 1 daughter Cara (Gregory) of Everett, WA; 5 grandchildren Cassandra & Rebecca of Lynnwood, WA, Christina, Dian and Amber of Everett, WA; Foreign Exchange student from Mazatlan Orphanage Margie Diaz & daughter Lil Arlem; his mother Trilby Pearl Burroughs of North Vancouver, BC; Mother-in-law Sophie Viola Bender of Decorah, Iowa; 1 brother David (Diane) Nicol of North Vancouver, BC and their children Sue (Brad) Collins and Jane (Andrew) Horembala and their children Jenna, Adam, Ryan and Dan.

Born Dec. 30, 1933, the family lived in Victoria, where Bob, at age 8, sold the "Papery Times" on the corner of Yates and Douglas. Bobby was a swimmer at the Crystal Garden Pool and an alternate for the Olympics. The family then moved to Port Alberni. Bob enjoyed sports especially basketball and made many lasting friendships over the past 50 years there, being able to attend the 50-year reunion of Port Alberni High School last year.

Bob joined the Canadian Air Force in 1952 out of High School and by 19 years of age was flying F-86 jets, stationed in Germany. He returned to Canada and completed his service in 1957 on Search and Rescue flying duties at RCAF Station, Sea Island, Vancouver. Bob was a member of SPAADS (Saber Pilots Association of the Air Division of the Squadrons) which is an association of Veteran Saber Pilots.

After service, Bob then moved to the States, working for Bekins Moving and Storage with his energetic big smile way, became Rookie Salesman of the Year nationally in the U.S.

Later Bob moved to Seattle going into real estate, managed several offices; in 1970 met Carol and they married 1972 and became a real estate team for 20+ years. Bob also had a Log House building business, building several beautiful homes. In 1983, Bob and Carol moved to Bob's home to Vancouver Island and worked as "Team Nicol" in real estate until retirement. In 1987, Bob was Funding Chairman of the Old School House of Qualicum Beach, which was going to be bulldozed for a parking lot. Bob raised \$48,000 with Stan Hagen and a Lottery Grant, and Mrs. Veronica Milner graciously agreed to allow the 1st Garden Tea and Art Auction to be held at her estate. Bob worked along with the Founding Members and many volunteers to have a successful \$22,000.00 raised along with the help of the

Bob and Carol had traveled to Mexico for over 25 years every winter, and in last years, Bob initiated a Baseball League of Canaco in poor areas of Mazatlan to help boys and girls age 6-16 to have a chance to better themselves and have fun with their families. Bob's heart really went out to the folks there. He helped provide equipment for over 20 teams along with Oceanside here at Parksville and Port Alberni for the lovely people of Mazatlan. A wonderful united effort. Last year Canaco League honored Bob by naming the Ball Field in his name along with Richard Runde of Minneapolis.

Bob's other passions were salmon fishing at Barkley Sound, growing his special tomatoes and baking homemade bread. Bob also loved golfing, as a member of Qualicum Beach Golf Course and was a Men's Club officer, he enjoyed the challenge of golf and the fellowship.

Bob was dearly loved by family and many friends, and we'll miss his sweet-spirit of optimism and energy to help others.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2004 at 1:30 P.M. at St. Stephen's United Church, 150 Village Way, Qualicum Beach, BC with Reverend Phil Spencer officiating.

Donations in Bob's memory would be appreciated to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2221 Rosecrans Ave. Ste. 131, El Segundo, CA 90245 (1-877-272-6226) –[www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org) or District 69 Hospice Society, 210 West Crescent, Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1J9

E-mail condolences to the family may be sent to [yatesfuneral@shaw.ca](mailto:yatesfuneral@shaw.ca)  
YATES FUNERAL SERVICE & CREMATORIUM (248-5859)  
in care of arrangements.

*The family members express their gratitude for your  
kindness evidenced in thought, word and deed;  
and invite you to join them for fellowship, sharing and  
refreshments at the Royal Canadian Legion,  
Branch #76, Qualicum Beach.*

"OLDE SCHOOL BUILDING" GROUP

Chairman - Al Grier  
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First Annual  
Garden Party

MRS. H.R. Milne's Estate

May 24, 1987 ~ 2:53 pm



LF88-0274(11)

May 27, 1987

Mr. Bob Nicol  
Chairman/Funding Director  
Chamber of Commerce  
Qualicum Beach and District  
Cultural Center  
P.O. Box 103  
Qualicum Beach, British Columbia  
V0R 2T0

Dear Mr. Nicol:

I have discussed your application to the B.C. Lottery Fund with the Honourable Elwood Veitch, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services.

I am happy to say that the application has received his support and a grant has been approved. He has asked me to convey to you his best wishes and the attached letter approving the grant and outlining its terms and conditions.

The Fund and the Province are always glad to be able to assist worthwhile community projects such as this and I am delighted to have been of assistance.

I know that the project will be successful and of lasting benefit to the community. I will look forward to working with you and your group as the project is completed.

Sincerely,

Stanley B. Hagen, M.L.A.  
Minister of Advanced Education  
and Job Training

## Cultural centre effort reaches 'crunch' stage

Qualicum Beach and District Centre chairman Al Greir made a final plea to the public for support of the building of the old school building, for a cultural

centre. "We are going into our final month, and a decision will be made by June 8, whether or not the building project will be successful," Greir said.

The month of May is a busy one for the committee, as fund-raising chairman Bob Nicol has three major projects lined up. The first one is a cultural centre telethon, May 6, Channel 3. Cable 3 has donated air time for the promotion of this event, which will be carried from 7-9 p.m. Phone-in donations will be accepted by those manning telephone lines.

On May 16, the school reunion weekend, the committee will hold an open house at the old school board building for everyone who might be interested in touring the building. Peggy Berkowski is a renowned artist in this area, and she has donated a sketch of the old building, which will be sold for a \$10 donation.

On May 24, a garden party and auction will be held at the Milner estate, at Qualicum Beach. Thirty pieces of art, from outstanding artists, have been donated and will be auctioned. Tom McIver chairs this event, and enthusiasm is running high. Only 200 tickets are being sold — at \$100 each. This event promises to be the most gala event ever staged in Qualicum Beach.

Keith Wood, manager of the Qualicum Branch of Parkville and District Credit Union, has announced support of the cultural centre. The three branches — Qualicum Beach, Parkville and Nanoose, will accept donations made towards the centre. Receipts will be given and a tax number will be mailed at a later date.

Greir said interest has been extremely high, and response to these fund-raising events has been exciting; but, he warns, some people are not

committing themselves until they see what is happening.

"If they don't get on the board with financial support or an artist with a commitment on space, the end of the month might be too late," he said.

There is a classroom big enough for 15 to 20 students, available to rent for any classes or meetings, besides art classes. Weekend workshops and ongoing classes will be offered both by artists in residence and others in the community. Art classes for youth will be an ex-

ists' studios in the building. Those already spoken for will do house printmaking, pottery sculpture and painting.

"In essence, we envision a center for many aspects of art where artists may find a place to learn from each other and share their talents with those who appreciate art."

Upon successful conversion of the retired Qualicum Beach school building to the proposed cultural centre, there exists an opportunity to use the structure for a purpose that



citing expanding program.

The cultural centre will be used to promote and encourage art on several different levels. The gallery will feature local artists' work in rotating shows, and we anticipate putting together shows drawing on talent from all over Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands from time to time. There will be facilities for shows touring from around the world, said Greir.

In addition, there are plans to have a gallery shop featuring quality arts and crafts by local artists for sale. A summer arts and crafts fair has been proposed.

There is space for eight art-

extends beyond the scope of local community cultural aspirations.

In all likelihood, the occupancy period for community art oriented activities would be mainly in the fall, winter and spring seasons. That would leave the summer months available for other avenues of art direction. It has been suggested, and wholeheartedly endorsed by the directors of the cultural centre, that these facilities could be used to establish an international school of fine arts, somewhat abbreviated but similar to that which occurs annually at Banff, Alberta.

Not too surprisingly, many Canadian artists of international recognition live on the West Coast of British Columbia. For example, we have Robert Bateman on the Se Spring Islands, Fenwick Landowne in Victoria, Harry Heine at Brentwood Bay, Bruce Muir in Vancouver, William Townsend and Dorothy Francis in the Parkville Qualicum area, and Ron Parker in Courtenay. These excellent artists rate among Canada's best and they all live within 100 miles of Qualicum Beach.

What is proposed is not simply a dream, but a realistically achievable goal of utilizing the artistic skills of the outstanding individuals to establish an annual summer school of fine arts at Qualicum Beach.

### Island Hall HOTEL

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL

## BRUNCH

Sunday, May 10

**\$8.95** (under 10 \$4.95)

Bookings—  
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. &  
2 p.m.

Mother's Day  
Dinner Buffet  
from  
to 8 p.m.  
**\$11.95**  
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)

# KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1 REGISTRATION

(for September, 1987)



## TOWN OF QUALICUM BEACH

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January 7, 2004

Dear Carol;

*On behalf of the Town of Qualicum Beach I wish to express our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your husband.*

*Bob was a remarkable man, a wonderful person, passionate in his determination to help others and his community.*

*Bob was community minded and a great volunteer who by his commitment to The Old School House Arts Centre became part of the "heartwarming story of all that is good about the vision and community spirit of Qualicum Beach".*

*As funding chairman, Bob was an important part of the outstanding success and an integral part of the social and cultural life of our community.*

*Bob was generous, fun to be with, cared about people and reached out to the next generation as he did so effectively in Mexico.*

*I feel how weak anything I might say can be, however, at this time of sorrow, I wanted you to know how thankful the people of Qualicum Beach are for all the hard work that Bob did.*

*It is my prayer that our heavenly father will comfort you, your family and friends, and leave you with the wonderful memories of Robert Donald Nicol.*

*Yours sincerely and respectfully*

*G. Westbroek*

**T. (Teunis) Westbroek**

**Mayor**

**Town of Qualicum Beach**



**"THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE"**  
**Gallery and Art Centre**  
extends a very special invitation to  
participate in its third annual Gala Event  
the  
**ART AUCTION and GARDEN PARTY**

on

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1989**  
**1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

Come and enjoy an afternoon on the lovely grounds of the estate of Mrs. Genevieve Brown in picturesque Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island and have the opportunity to view and buy fine art. We would be honoured if you would attend to share in this annual fundraising event for this unique community art centre, which supports and expands the visual arts on Vancouver Island and serves as a learning and resource centre. In addition to the collection of art to be auctioned - of which a list is enclosed - a silent auction is incorporated in the program.

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| PREVIEW of Collection                          | - Tickets \$50.00 each                 |
| 12th - 19th AUGUST, 1989                       | - Tax deductible receipts              |
| "The Old School House"<br>Gallery & Art Centre | - Proceeds to Old School House Gallery |
| 122 Fern Road,<br>Qualicum Beach, B.C.         | - Limited number of tickets available  |

Enquiries: 752-6133

**MYSTERY PRIZE**



Qualicum Beach and District  
Cultural Centre Association  
122 Fern Road West, Box 1791  
Qualicum Beach, B.C. Canada V0R 2T0  
Tel: (604) 752-6133 Fax: (604) 752-2600

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May 21, 1992

Mr Robert Nicol  
Box 1019  
Qualicum Beach, B.C.

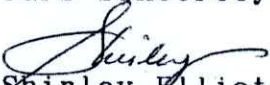
Dear Bob,

I would like to extend to you the sincere thanks of all of us associated with The Old School House, for the wonderful help which you provided as MC during our recent Art of Golf Tournament.

In addition, we are very grateful for your aggressive sale of raffle tickets which, I am told, netted us \$85 !

The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers at the Gallery & Art Centre join me in saying thank you, Bob !

Yours sincerely,

  
Shirley Elliott

Tournament Co-ordinator

The Old School House Gallery  
and Art Centre

**IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY PARTY ON  
SATURDAY MARCH 3, 1990**

Come and help us celebrate our second  
birthday, and our status as a  
heritage building and the completion  
of our new roof.

Join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony  
to start at 1:30 pm



### TINA NORDMARKEN LEAVES TOSH FOR NEW CHALLENGE

As the festive season approached, we were saddened to learn that **Tina Nordmarken** would be leaving for a new job at the Rollin Art Centre in Port Alberni. Her decision was made after much soul-searching. Tina had the added incentive that she would no longer have to commute to Qualicum Beach and could enjoy more time with her family.

Artists, staff, and board members held a farewell before Christmas and presented Tina with their gift of good wishes, a framed poster of The Old School House and a pen and pencil set. Tina has been back to visit and assures us that TOSH will always be special to her. She has illustrated this by volunteering to help with this year's Garden Party and Art Auction publicity. We are pleased to have Tina's continued involvement.

### A NEW ROOF FOR OUR HERITAGE BUILDING

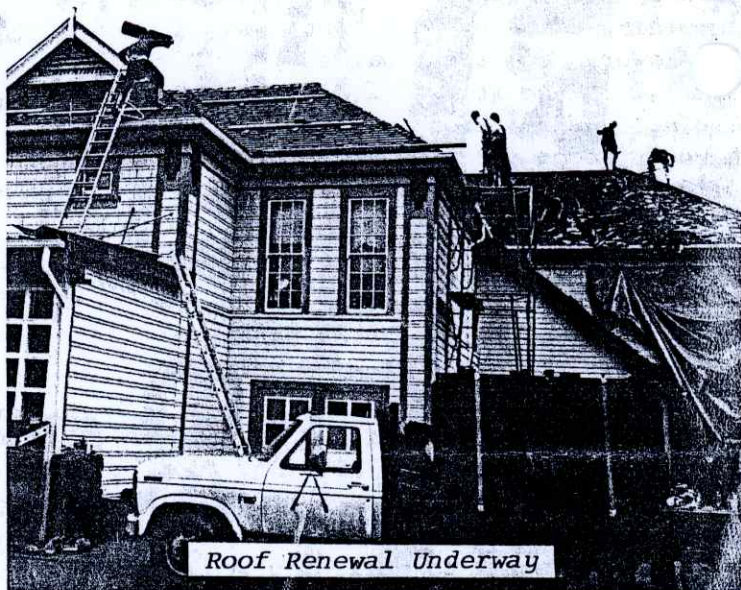
Although it has taken longer than expected, our new roof is well worth the wait. The top of the building has now been restored to its original 1912-14 appearance. The unsettled weather hampered progress on the roof which, with its unusual number of peaks, valleys and gables, would have been challenge enough.

The roof project has been financially assisted by the **Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture** through the **British Columbia Heritage Trust** and **British Columbia Lotteries** with the approval of a \$19,000 grant, and also the support of the **Town of Qualicum Beach** with the approval of a \$12,000 grant last summer. This major improvement to our beautiful old building has truly made it a showplace for the community.

### WHAT'S NEW IN THE GALLERY SHOP

With 1989 having been such a successful year the sky's the limit in the future.

We currently have members who are out scouting talented artisans from the surrounding area to add to an already prestigious list of contributors.



1989 saw over 50 different classes offered at The Old School House.

1,244 pieces of art have been shown in the Brown Gallery to date.

### NEWS FLASH !

The recent Pottery Workshop with Wayne Nean

Spring, 1990

Visitor traffic in the gallery has lessened at this time of year, but the activity required for the implementation of the classes and workshops planned some months ago has taken its place.

Registrations for the pottery workshop with Wayne Ngan and Bob Kingsmill began arriving in December and space was soon limited. Numerous applications were received from the Vancouver area, Victoria, Comox, Duncan, Ladysmith, Nanaimo and as far away as Kamloops, which proves that people are willing to travel some distance for high calibre instruction. Please refer to the enclosed list for a number of golden opportunities.

All of this activity has been quite an introduction to The Old School House for new staff member **Bev Bundy**, who joined us early in January. We welcome Bev and hope she enjoys being one of the team.

There have also been a number of changes in studio occupancy. Welcome to **Gary Joneson**, **Ghislaine (Jessie) Fraser**, and **Trish McMillan**. Gary is a decoy carver and shares studio space with Colleen Butcher. He will also be conducting a workshop later in the spring. Jessie is a sister to sculptor **Michele Fraser**, and will be sharing space in the pottery studio. Trish is an oil painter and will be occupying the **Dorothy Frances Studio**.

Once birthday celebrations are over, the plan is to embark on some interior renovations which will improve the efficiency of the administration area. Our Treasurer and Vice President, **Bill Trace**, has added another dimension to his TOSH involvement by volunteering to draft the plans and supervise the project. A carpenter/foreman will be hired and we are hoping to form his crew by using the talents of members who might be anxious to prove that they can still swing a mean hammer. It is hoped the job can be done quickly, if not quietly, and have everything shipshape before the arrival of spring visitors. Please don't be shy about volunteering your talent.

We are looking forward to a good summer season and to enjoying the many improve-

### BIRTHDAY BASH !

**Look Who's Two, With Three Things To Celebrate!**

**TOSH's** second birthday celebration will be a gala affair with ongoing performances of bands, musical groups, and choirs. These special musical events have been arranged with the co-operation of **Faye Smith** and **Joan Goselin** of the Parksville and District Musical Association.

Besides the Centre's ongoing success, we are celebrating a new roof, a new brick walkway, and designation as a heritage building. The afternoon begins at 1:30 p.m. with the official opening of the new brick walkway with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The feature exhibition, a collection of the works of our members, volunteers and staff is called "**Celebrating . . . Art from our Heart**". The show was named as a tribute to the deep feelings all of these people have for their involvement with the Centre. Visitors will be asked to complete a ballot for the "**PEOPLE'S CHOICE**", a cash award of \$50 to be given to the creator of the favourite piece in the show.

There will be balloons, cake and refreshments to complete the festivities. The afternoon's highlight will be the brick lucky ticket draw at 3 p.m.



**Walkway Installers**