

Art Centre News

The Old School House - a public gallery and learning centre



OCTOBER 1998

ALASKAN CRUISE A GREAT SUCCESS!

The elements were all there - great weather, great food, great scenery, great ship - how could it fail! And to boot, watercolour lessons with a great artist, our own **Pauline Pike**.

The group of 27 left Qualicum Beach aboard Road King Bus Tours on September 17th and were "delivered" to Canada Place in Vancouver, and subsequently to Holland America's cruise ship "Nieuw Amsterdam" for a 7 day cruise.

The cruise was a fund-raiser for The Old School House, organized by **CruiseShipCenters of Nanaimo**, owned by Simone and Larry McDowall of Qualicum Beach (Donna Moore consultant). The company will donate a portion of every ticket sold through them, and Pauline and her husband Stan were aboard courtesy of Holland America because 15 cabins were sold. Needless to say, the tickets were grabbed quickly, and the group was off.

Fifteen people took part in the lessons aboard ship, painting and sketching outside on the sun deck or in the space provided in the card room. Cecilia Clarke, a long-time friend of Millie Say, came from Ontario to be part of the trip, and won the draw for an original watercolour painting donated by Pauline Pike.



Artists and an artistic view!!

The tour included Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and one exciting day in Glacier Bay. The friendly driver from Road King Bus Tours was waiting to pick us up on the 24th and return us safely back to The Old School House.

Our thanks to **CruiseShipCenters** and the **McDowalls** for taking the initiative to provide such an incredible fund-raiser for The Old School House members and guests - *a week to remember!!!*

LEONARDO IN VICTORIA OCTOBER 17TH

Attention Art Lovers!!

Trip to Royal B.C. Museum in Victoria

October 17, leaving TOSH at 8am, returning at 6pm.

See the Leonardo da Vinci Exhibition

Hurry - reserve now - only 46 seats.

Forest Charter Services comfortable coach.

Imax theatre "Magic of Flight" - 60' screen

Rented for you - a CD Rom style player

See the open ocean exhibit & "virtual reality" Amuse.

Tour includes all of the above for only \$50.00!!

**For reservations and payment
(Visa, MasterCard or cheque)
call 752-6133**

**For more information, call Tour Guide
Francis Shaw at 954-1578**

FALL CALENDAR

Mark these days on your calendar - make sure you are not disappointed!!

"THANKSGIVING" SALE

Mary Leigh Campbell's "Eyes on You" Studio at The Old School House is having a big sale on October 15th, 16th & 17th.

"It is my way of saying thank you to all our School House members and my loyal customers!"
See you then....!!



Rea models her new outfit

October 17 & 18, 1998 **CREATIVE DRAWING**

A great two-day workshop combining drawing, collage and art history. Instructor, Mehdi Naimi, will have models available for the second day for a life drawing session. Call 752-6133 to register.

October 19 - November 12, 1998 **"OUTSIDE THE LINE"**

A one woman exhibition by Carmen Mongeau. Mongeau's paintings express her fascination with the natural beauty around her. Her style is loose and lively using fresh vivid colours and a keen sense of design. Come and meet the artist at her opening on Saturday, *October 24 at 7:00 p.m.*

October 24 & 25, 1998 **ANIMALS IN ART**

Artist Wendy Robson will be conducting a two-day workshop on how to approach portraits, wildlife painting and animals in landscape. Artists of all levels and in all mediums will benefit from this program. To register, call 752-6133.
October 31 - November 1, 1998

October 31 - November 1, 1998 **SOAPSTONE SCULPTURE**

Create your own sculpture while you learn how to do it, how to use various tools, and about different finishes. Lorraine Veysey, the instructor, will have soapstone, basic tools and supplies available for purchase. What a great way to spend a weekend. Call 752-6133 today to register.

November 7 & 8, 1998 **PHOTOGRAPHY**

This weekend workshop will take you through photography from beginning to end; you will take photographs, process them and mount them. Don Emerson will take you through the technology of cameras and film lighting, and composition. Reserve now by calling 752-6133.

November 20 - December 24, 1998 **THE YULETIDE FAIRE**

Our Christmas Yuletide Faire has a Medieval theme this year. Come in and find those "hard to find" presents. All the crafts are by local artisans. Come by for our official opening, Wednesday, November 25 at 7 p.m. and enjoy the Carols of the Madrigal Singers.

November 21 & 22, 1998 **VICTORIAN TEA**

Start the festive season with Tea at The Old School House. Saturday sittings will be at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., and one sitting on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. All seating is by reservation only, so call soon and make sure you are not left out in the cold. Tickets are \$7.00 each.

November 21 & 22, 1998

**OIL & ACRYLIC:
UNDERPAINTING & BEYOND**

This two day workshop with Graeme Shaw will cover the "how-tos" of the preparatory steps that undergird any good painting. Participants will complete a painting using the techniques taught. To register, call 752-6133.

**Thursday, December 10, 1998
RESIDENT ARTISTS' OPEN
HOUSE**

Our doors will be open from 7 - 9 p.m., and all our resident artists will be here to join you in toasting the Season. Tasty eats and refreshments will be available. Bring a friend, join in the fun, and maybe find that one gift that has been eluding you.

December 24, 1998

Our doors will close at noon on the 24th for the Christmas Season, and will open again on January 12, 1999.

ROYAL BANK MERGES...

With us! We welcome the Royal Bank as our newest Partner in Art. Our program of exhibitions, classes and special events is made possible in part - in large part - by the sponsorship of our Partners in Art:

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**You Don't Bring
Us Flowers Anymore!!!!**

Those exquisite floral arrangements that we have all enjoyed over the years have been donated by *Jill Gooden*. For personal reasons, Jill feels it is time for her to move on. All the flowers were grown in Jill's garden, and no matter what the occasion, Jill has provided unique and beautifully designed floral arrangements. Needless to say, we are looking for someone to take over this monumental task. If you are an avid gardener, and would like to see your posies displayed artfully in The Old School House, we certainly want to hear from you.

Jill, we will miss you for your flowers, your extraordinary talent at arranging, and your regular weekly visits. Please do not forget us.

**FROM THE ART CELLAR TO
STUDIO FIVE**

We have had a complete change of artists in The Art Cellar. We were sad to see Gerda Hofman, Jesi & Sid Barron, Dan Gray, and Brownie Joerin depart from their "home" and thank them wholeheartedly for their contribution to The Old School House. *We will miss you all.*

The "new crew" moved in on September 30. Come in at your earliest convenience to view the art and welcome the new artists - Des Bevis, Pat Holland, Carmen Mongeau, Fred Peters and Isabelle Sevrain. Welcome to The Old School House!

KIDS' NEW CLASSROOM

Have you been in to the kids' classroom recently...the one behind the downstairs Gallery? If not, take a look. On the strength of a \$1,000 grant from Imperial Oil Limited's *Volunteer Involvement Program*, the previously dungeon like storage/workshop/classroom has been transformed into one of the brightest, most pleasant rooms in The Old School House. We look forward to giving the kids an even more enjoyable experience in their new environment. With very many thanks to **Imperial Oil Limited** for their generosity, to **Marjorie Gueho** for making a successful grant application, and to Doug Einarson for conceiving and supervising the renovation. *Bryan Stafford Smith*

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Greetings!

I'm thrilled to have my very own space in the Newsletter. Never had a chance to play columnist so here goes.....

A hearty "Thank You" once again to all the Volunteers who attended our annual TOSH Volunteer Appreciation party - this year called "Coffee Break". Your corsages were great!! To those who were unable to attend the party, Thank You for your loyal service to The Old School House during the past year. A third hearty **THANKS** to our *Resident Artists* for their generous donation of the door prizes. The winners went home very pleased.

Welcome to the many *new Volunteers* who have signed on to various committees. You are sharing your time and talents with a wonderful group of energetic people with ideas, enthusiasm and delightful senses of humour. It is the Volunteers that keep The Old School House functioning as a dynamic and unique Community Art Gallery.

The *Victorian Tea* and the Christmas Showcase - this year called *A Yuletide Faire* - are the next upcoming fund-raising events.

Your donations and time will be called upon to help with their success. Leave your name and a message for me at the desk if you are able to participate in these functions. Thank you in advance for your support.

My allotted space is filled...this was fun! Maybe they will let me do this again. *Deanne Pilchak, Volunteer Coordinator.*

FOOD HAMPER DRIVE

For the month of October, The Old School House will be helping the Food Bank. There will be a hamper in the upstairs reception area for donations of non-perishable goods. When you donate, you are eligible for a draw on October 31. Prizes will be donated by Resident Artists - a Candle Lantern by Cheryl Rimmer; a Decorative Pillow by Mary Leigh Campbell; a turned wood Bud Vase by Jason Marlow; and an original painting by Lyn Orriss.

Come in to visit our latest exhibition and bring your donation with you. Please help us to help those less fortunate in our communities.

Marge Campbell Memorial

Many of us remember Marge Campbell as a cheerful, effective and omnipresent "Volunteer about Town". The Old School House was one of the lucky recipients of her attentions and we were saddened when she died early this year. As a memorial to her, friends and family have generously supplied the new artist's demonstration table that will be used in the Classroom. We thank them for their thoughtfulness and are happy to have such a fitting reminder of Marge with us.

Q-POINTS!!!

Want to know another easy way to donate to The Old School House? Q-Points!! All you have to do is go to Quality Foods and tell them you want your Q-Points to be given to The Old School House. They will give you a card with our number on it and every time you make a purchase and show the card, you are donating "points" that allow us to obtain things we need.



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