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Say 'Hello' to
our brand
new Logo!

This summer we are unveiling our new logo. The logo was designed by Leanne Romak with the concept by board member Ron Woodall. Ron was inspired by the stacks of the Union Steamships which used to ferry thousands of visitors to Bowen Island every summer. The red and black stacks on the blue field are a great pop of colour and brighten up our look. We would like to sincerely thank Leanne for the new logo!

The Round Bowen Challenge is a fast paced 32 kilometre race that includes kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards and outriggers. The race is the longest one day paddle race in North America. On June 23rd, the Bowen Island Museum and Archives were chosen to receive some of the profits thanks to the organizer Martin Clarke and Dan Parkin, our Board member and creator of the wonderful salmon feast for the contestants. The team here at the Museum and Archives went down to help prepare and serve this meal. The race was tremendous amount of fun. We would like to give our heartfelt congratulations to the racers, organizers and support team.



The Team at Work— Drew Emery, Liberte Reilly, Cathy Bayly, Rob Forbes and chef Dan Parkin—
Photo by Bev Underhill

**Round
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Dedication of Higgins Cabin to Eric Lawson

Eric Lawson was a great volunteer and friend to the Bowen Island Museum and Archives. On July 6th 2013 we dedicated the Higgins Cabin to him surrounded by his friends and family. Therefore Eric's memory and years of dedication will not be forgotten. With his background as a conservator Eric brought his eye for restoration and preservation to the Museum and Archives. When the museum and archives building was raised in 1997 Higgins Cottage was here on the property was about to be demolished. Here is when Eric recognized its value as a heritage building and also as a museum display space. The restoration began in April of 1997 and continued until the Higgins Cabin was officially opened in 2000.



Curator Cathy Bayly and Eric's daughter Adrienne Lawson after cutting the ribbon to newly dedicated Higgins Cabin. Photo Credit Beverly Underhill



Former Archivist Dorothy Lawson and President of the Board Bev Underhill at the dedication of the Higgins Cabin to Eric Lawson.

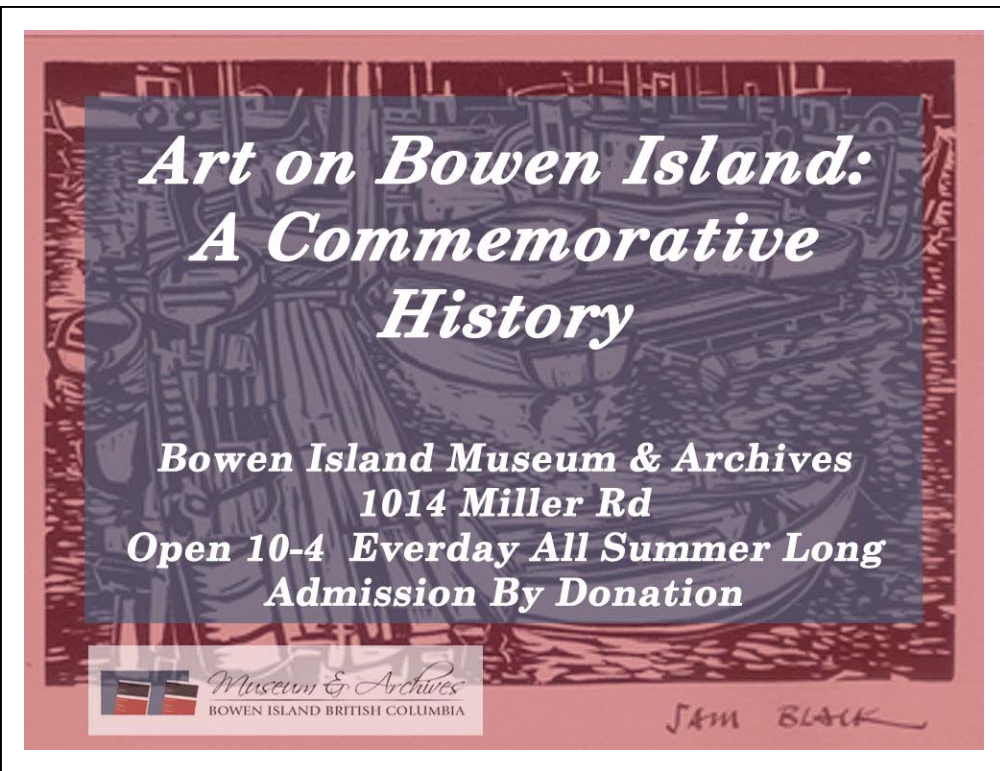
If you visit the cabin you will find Eric's personality in every nook and cranny - from the meticulously restored exterior to the detailed loggers exhibit inside. There are wonderfully quirky items that remind us of Eric's sense of humour. One of the favorites of most visitors is the little mouse eating the breadcrumbs on the table while the cat sleeps soundly on the bed. Eric was an integral part of the museum and archives and he will be sorely missed.

Introducing our new Website!

We are proud to announce our new website! Thanks to the team at Digitally Hip— Julia McCaig and Leanne Romak it is now beautiful and easy to navigate. We have updated the address to be www.bowenislandmuseum.ca but the old address www.bowenhistory.ca will still work. Check out our photo archives through the site and mark your favourite photos.

The exhibit features a wide variety of artists both from and inspired by Bowen. It begins with works produced in the 1800s by Lucius O'Brien, who created the first known sketch of Bowen Island in the 1880s. The first section focuses on the development of Art on Bowen Island starting in the 1880s and ending in the 1950s. Fea-

tured Artists include 'Cappy' Reed, Ione McIntyre and professional photographers who captured Bowen during its 'Happy Isle' phase. These artists helped to attract more artists which lead to the creation of the artist retreat of Lieben and the rise of galleries on the island. Come take a look at works by the Robinson Weavers and items from the Archives about galleries like Apodaca and



the Plum Tree. Moving through time we come to the 1950s to circa 1990 section. We focus here on particular artists and amateurs who were intimately tied with Island life and helped to create the large community of artists now on Bowen Island. These Islanders include Sam Black, Dick and Katie Carter along with Rosa Heleinus and Mort Graham. Through out the exhibit we also highlight important moments in the history of Bowen Island with decorative pennants. Try your hand at our photo matching activity of 'Past and Present' Bowen Island.

Summer 2013 Exhibit- Art on Bowen Island: A Commemorative History

Come look through works by Island artists and learn about the people who helped to mold this creative island community. We would like to thank everyone who came out for our opening on July 6th. Our sincerest thanks must be sent to all those who aided us in the creation of the exhibit including Tayce Davis, Carla Reed among many others. If you have not done so, please stop by and take a look.

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IN MEMORIAM

We salute these islanders who were part of the Bowen community and who have recently disappeared from our lives. Their legacy is everywhere and Bowen is grateful for their contributions. The Archive maintains a biographical database plus other biographical files concerning Bowen residents. Additional material relating to these Islanders or others is always welcome. Contact the Archive at 604-947-2655.

Joyce Borthwick (Jan) Alpin MacKinnon (Jun)
Frances Moir (Jan) Eric Lawson (July)
Bill Clark (Jan)
Neil Gray (Jan)
William Weatherall (Feb)
Mardy Duncan (Mar)
Glen Taylor (Mar)
Shirley Menzies (Apr)
Liz Gourlay (May)

Welcome to our New Staff!

This Summer has brought some changes to the Museum & Archive. We now have an Archivist—Deidre Farah working two days a week. Our current Curator position has been filled by Cathy Bayly, who some of you might remember as previously holding the position when the Museum was opened. We also hired three summer students through the UBC Arts Co-op Program. Archival Assistant Drew Emery and Museum Assistant Liberte Reilly were hired using the Young Canada Works grant. Museum and Archival Assistant Dylan Yeates is working through the Service Canada grants. Everyone has been working diligently to continue and improve the Museum and Archives.



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