



NANAIMO MUSEUM

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## Sports Hall of Fame Honours Eight New Inductees



In the front row, from left to right, are the newest Sports Hall of Fame inductees or their representatives: Angie Dobie, Trudy Gilmour - Lloyd Gilmour's wife, Michael Edgson, Ray Telford, Doug White, Craig MacRae - Don MacRae's son, Jimmy Koster - Gene Koster's son, Bob Smiley - Bev Smiley's son, Shawn Owen - John Sandland's great grandson, Allen Johnston - President of the Nanaimo Track and Field Association accepting for Bill English. Below: 2008 Sports Hall of Fame alumni unveil the newest inductee's plaques on the Sports Hall of Fame Wall in the lobby of the museum.

More than 300 people attended the 2009 Nanaimo Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre on Saturday, Sept. 19. The event was organized by staff and board members from the Nanaimo Museum as well as the Sports Hall of Fame Committee. This prestigious event was hosted by A-Channel sports reporters Mira Lawrence and Jordan Cunningham. Dr. Bob Hindmarch,

director of all things athletic at UBC for an amazing 50 years, delivered an entertaining keynote speech. A special video presentation highlighted each of the inductees accomplishments and their place in sports history. Special thanks to our Induction Banquet sponsors: Nanaimo Clippers, A-Channel, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Atlas Truss, RBC Dominion Securities, Turley's Florist, Nanaimo Daily News and Nanaimo Bulletin.



**Sports Hall of Fame**

*"Thanks to all of you for putting on the successful banquet. It was well done and the new facilities sure made it enjoyable."*

~ John Owen and family



## Nanaimo Bastion

### The Bastion Season Winds Down as Autumn Takes Over

The 2009 Summer Bastion Season is once again wrapping up after another great year as the number one tourist attraction on Nanaimo's beautiful waterfront. Visitors from all over the world explored the building and its 156 year history, and thousands of people throughout the summer witnessed the exciting daily noon cannon firing ceremony. Our sincere thanks once again to the Brigadoon Dancers for providing another season of great highland dancing.

The Bastion officially closed on Sept. 30, but will open for cruiseship passengers on Oct. 4, 6, 7, 11 and 13.

*"So glad you are keeping the tradition. I sailed here 60 yrs ago"*  
~ Thomas Tufen, S.V.Cavale, Florida

*"A dream of a lifetime"*  
~ Rita De Pape, Nanaimo



Piper Bill Poppy plugs his ears before visitor Tyler Frueh fires the noon cannon!

## Bastion Gratitude

We are grateful to the following organizations and individuals for their support:

#### Bastion Partners:

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**2009 Season Sponsors:** Bastion Society, The Buccaneer Inn, The Coast Bastion Inn, Signage, Senini Graphics, Regional District of Nanaimo and Hub International

Museum summer students Alexis Meservia, Julie Hewitt, and Ali Mowbray; Piper Bill Poppy; Co-op student Lyle Martin; Bastion Cannon Assistants Dave Hobson, Gary Tuyls, Kevin Storey, Marty Jones, Nicole Ning, Graham Lindsay, Brian Roberts, and Madeline Crane.

## A New Exhibit: *Timber!*

**T**imber! the newest exhibit at the Nanaimo Museum, is an examination of Nanaimo's long connection to its surrounding forests. While we think of coal mining as the first industry, HBC men were cutting down trees to build homes and provide timbers to the infant mining industry.



The exhibit will reflect on the evolution from this humble beginning to the development of industrial logging in the 1930s, the construction of Harmac in the 1940s. There will also be a focus on the expansion of sawmilling at the Assembly Wharf and Duke Point. It will also reflect on the men and women who worked in the industry.

The exhibit will also look at Nanaimo's Madill Manufacturing, a significant player in the forestry industry. From boom boats to mobile spars, the company's products were found in all the big logging shows around the world.

The exhibit was made possible by the artifact and information contributions of Harmac Pacific, Western Forest Products, the late George Gall and the family of the late Art Lovick.

## Visitor Numbers Are Up!

**V**isitors to the Nanaimo Museum were up by 15% in July and August thanks in large part to the local community since tourist numbers are down. This was evident by the number of people who visited the Bastion, which was down 10%, the largest drop in several years.

Open until **OCTOBER 11**

**"ROCKET"**  
**Richard**

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# Programming & Coming Events

## Rust in Peace

October 6 - December 24, 2009



The Gorosh Pile, Nanaimo, BC

**R***ust in Peace* is a b&w photographic essay that captures the bleak scrap piles of discarded technology on Vancouver Island in the 1970s. Rick James is an archaeologist and photographer living in Courtenay, BC.

## The Closet Collector - November 14

**M**any of the world's great museums have relied on the passion of collectors to build their collections. Through diligent research, collectors build a great knowledge and collections that can be remarkable. Rarely, however, do we have an opportunity to see and enjoy their collections. The Closet Collector is an opportunity to learn about a small group of Nanaimo collectors. Paintings, bottles, tools, textiles are among some of the collections will be exhibited along with stories about the collectors and why they collect.

Featuring

**Doug Steel Book Signing: 1pm - 3 pm**

**Early Recollections:  
Nanaimo The Forties and Fifties a Memoir.**

## ROWED TRIP Live Show and Film Screening

Saturday, October 17 from 7:30-9:30 pm



**J**oin best-selling authors Colin and Julie Angus for the launch of their film and multimedia presentation detailing their most recent expedition. In two rowboats they travelled 7,200 km from the northern tip of Scotland to Aleppo, Syria. Advance Tickets available at the museum: Adult: \$14 Student/Senior: \$12

## Mark Corbett's Wild 4 Life Photo Safari 2: "BC to Belize & Back Again"

Thursday, October 29 from 7-11 pm

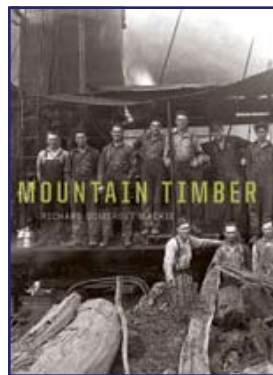
**Y**ou are invited on a photographic adventure documenting Mark Corbett's 10-day road trip from Vancouver Island to Belize in Central America, the seven months he spent living in Belize and his journey back.

The event will open a week long exhibition in the museum's Feature Gallery that will also showcase Mark's photography work here on the Island

This event is also a fundraiser for the North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre. Tickets are \$25 ea. includes gourmet appies and great door prizes including accomodations in Belize. Come see the Wild 4 Life animal ambassadors! Wear an animal costume and you could win!

## Richard Mackie Book Signing

Saturday, November 21  
from 1-3 pm



**T**o be held in celebration of the new *Timber!* exhibit at the museum, Richard will be signing his newest book *Mountain Timber*.

## Princess Royal Day at the Bastion

Friday, November 27 at 11 am

**J**oin the descendants of the original 24 miners and their families who arrived in Nanaimo from England aboard the Princess Royal barque on November 27, 1854.

## Yesteryear Family Christmas

Saturday, December 12 from 1-3 pm

**J**oin museum staff as we celebrate the Christmas season with songs, crafts, story telling and refreshments. Admission is by donation to the Nanaimo Toy Drive.

## Volunteer Appreciation Social

Friday, December 18 from 1-3 pm

**C**ome for the food, stay for the gifts, enjoy the company of fellow volunteers and museum staff at this annual social to thank our many dedicated volunteers.



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### Victoria Day to Labour Day

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## Bastion Hours

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Exception: Open 10am - 2pm when cruise ships are in the harbour: Oct. 4, 6, 7, 11 & 13.

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