

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

*Speeders, remember the Bamfield Main is a two-way road*

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**Dear Bob Beckett**, ACRD Bamfield Regional Director, A query. May I shot down a peeping-tom drone flying over my deck? Thank you! *A Sunbather*

**First of July**, a crowded water parade with no one left to view it. The singing of O'Canada led by **Eileen Scott** and the HUU-ay-aht Welcoming song by **Wishkee** (photo).



A picnic, in the Eileen Scott Centennial Prk provided by the **Bamfield Community Hall Society** of 244 hotdogs, 6 large watermelons, and 18 dozen ice creams. A glorious day, with wonderful folks. *L. Druehl*



**Enjoy your parks.** Visit the Memorial Tree and benches and check out the community garden's celery, cabbages, figs, berries and sun flowers in the **Eileen Scott Centennial Park**.

Please no smoking in grassy areas. *L. Druehl*

**Something is in the wind...**a floating stage for **Broken Group**? A pontoon bridge? Finally giving west siders road access. Check it out, by the Gas Bar.



**Too Close!** The Sooke fire, now 230 hectares and growing was human caused. An open camp fire was noted in Centennial Park, 19 July!

Submissions are welcome. They may be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. All submissions must have the author's name. Submit to [ldruehl@island.net](mailto:ldruehl@island.net). *The New Bamfielder* is free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl



**Music by the Sea**, not to be confused with music on Pachena Beach that was on at the same time, started with the fanfare of Coast Guard horns, Rix Centre chimes, and a row-boated bugler. Four stunning performances, guitar, vocal, strings and jazz treated a sparse crowd. A little humour was injected. **Dane Denoom**, Coast Guard, let it be known **Sheryl Dunsmuir** should be seated front and centre. Sheryl, glass artist, oyster farmer, large mining-equipment operator, was visiting the family matriarch, **Eileen Scott**. This was opening night; hopefully, further nights will be well attended. **Bamfielders, enjoy it or lose it!** *L. Druehl*, photo by **Melody Gulledege**, aboard the *MV.Ellipsis* (US flag).

Note, Consideration of people with mobility issue should be accommodated at public functions hosted by the Bamfield Marine Sciences

**Bamfielders join the Peace Train**, let our government know you want Canada to strive for peaceful solutions to world issues. Canada once had a strong voice for peace but now we seem to side with weaponry. Let the politicians know how you feel. Catch the Peace Train in Vancouver on 14 November, join similarly minded Canadians as you chug to Ottawa. Keith Wyton for details ([wyton@shaw.ca](mailto:wyton@shaw.ca), 250-735-6802, Facebook Peace Train Canada). All Aboard!

**We have history**, proudly presented by the Bamfield Historical Society. Authors **Ian Kennedy** and **Margarete Horsfield** entertained and informed a large crowd and several mosquitoes with historic notes from their book, *The Best Loved Boat: The Princess Maquinna & West Coast History*. First, we learned the *Princess Maquinna* was the only ship of the *Princess* fleet with an indigenous name. Ian and Margarete took us on a tour of her stops from Victoria to the north end of Vancouver Island, showing us the travel customs and what the villages were like in the early 1900 hundreds. Tidbits included observations that the complex schedule of the *Princess Maquinna* was interrupted by a Vancouver radio talk show host who said where she was at any particular time. An interesting aside, for me, was the description of the Minnesota Seaside Station at Port Renfrew. This was the second station on the west coast of North America. The American invader, **Professor Josephine Tilden**, brought students and researchers to our shores for six years, under harsh but memorable conditions. (I conducted seaweed studies there for six years during the 1960s. Spectacular!) Memberships were sold and \$380 was raised from the sale of West Coast relicts provided by the **Jennings Family** and **Brian Gisborne**. Thank you BHS for a delightful evening. *L. Druehl*

**The Bamfield Historical Society's** July 17th meeting was at BMSC with featured speakers, **Margaret Horsfield** and fellow historian, **Ian Kennedy**. A high school teacher, Kennedy wrote two popular guides to pubs in BC, travelling the province on his motorcycle in the summer holidays; "Sunny, Sandy, Savary Island," (where his wife owned a cabin for 40 years); and as a rugby journalist, reported on rugby games from around the world. Born in Port Alberni, Horsfield spent several years abroad getting an education, then working as a freelance broadcaster and journalist for such august institutions as the BBC, Radio Four, and the CBC radio. Back on the Island in 1993, she turned to writing books. The award-winning 1999 BC best-seller, "Cougar Annie's Garden" made her a household name. She followed that in 2008, with an intimate look at the characters who founded the white settlement of Tofino, "Voices from the Sound." The two co-wrote 2014's, "Tofino and Clayoquot Sound: A History." It was well-received, warranting re-issue in paperback last year, when Kennedy's BC bestseller, "Best Loved Boat: A History of the Princess Maquinna," was also published. As a bonus, Horsfield shared her research on a little-known 1898 attempt to establish an algae research facility at Botanical Beach. *Judith Phillips*, photo Marc. Phillips



**A visit.** Over the years, the Bamfield Historical Society has answered many enquiries and hosted visits from people of Japanese origin whose families lived in Bamfield before being interned during WWII. The house **Tak's** father, Ichi, built more than 90 years ago still stands, although much modified. The ancient cherry tree still blooms. A harbour cruise, tour of the former **Uyede** property, and trip to the archives, made for an eventful stay in the village. For further information, see BHS website, [bamfieldhistory.com](http://bamfieldhistory.com). Also, pg. 12 of "Bamfield Houses" which is available at libraries, the westside store or through BHS. *Judith Phillips*, Photo Marc Phillips, Tak Uyede, wife **Marika** and nephew,



**A Bamfield visit.** **Catherine Thompson** and friend **Erik Birke** a Calgary Fireman, visited Bamfield chums. Catherine, now a school teacher, was a long time Bamfield Community School Association coordinator. Among her lasting contributions to Bamfield is *The Bamfield Cookbook*, forth edition 2011. (I use this treasure lots.) She is perhaps most famous for becoming lost collecting mushrooms near Black Lake. Locals and folks from Port Alberni participated in the rescue. It was fun seeing Catherine and I loved her tangerine-polished fingernails. *L. Druehl*

