

the TOWNSITE HERITAGE DIGESTER



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Wooden Sculpture:

A stunning symbol of resilience and survival

Ivan Rosypsky, Phil Russell, and Nansi McKay are the team who joined hands and hearts to bring forth this stunning work of art at St David and St Paul Anglican Church. Pleasing to the eye and soothing

to the touch, this sculpture started as the trunk of a dead cypress tree that had been cut off. Rather than take it away, the church thought of a better idea, and that's when Ivan, Phil and Nansi came on the scene and the concept evolved. This carving is located in Sycamore Commons and is part of a wider project which is a space to welcome the public with gardens, as a gathering place, for making connections, learning, etc. The wooden sculpture will bring about awareness, interpretation and learning of the first people here, by invoking conversation, dialogue and reconciliation.

Carved in the sculpture are the five species of salmon (coho, spring, sockeye, chum and pink), The Bear (protector of the forest), The Killer Whale (protector of the ocean), The Eagle (protector of the sky), and at the top of the carving is the sun. In the face



Ivan Rosypsky in front of 'living' symbol carved from a dead cypress tree at St David & St Paul Anglican church.



Closeup of The Bear, protector of the forest. Other elements include Killer Whale, Eagle and salmon

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of the sun is a representation of woman, and in her lip is a “labret” (ring) which indicates that she is a high ranking woman.

I asked about a brick that was sitting on the work platform beside the sculpture and Ivan explained that it came from St Michael’s Indian Residential School in Alert Bay, the school that his mother attended as a little girl. On February 18, 2015, which happens to be Ivan’s birthday, the school was demolished, but before that happened his mother went there to throw a rock at the building.

This brick will be placed in the carving as a symbol and reminder of the “interruption of a culture” a culture that is moving forward from that interruption, a culture that has survived, a culture that is resilient. A statement in itself is the fact that the sculpture is standing beside a church, thus demonstrating the cultures now standing beside each other, moving forward.

TOWNSITE TIDBIT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016

EVERYONE WELCOME

The Townsite Heritage Society wishes to welcome EVERYONE to its Annual General Meeting on March 29, 2016 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at Henderson House, 6211 Walnut Street and is open to the public—please join us!

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NEW OFFICE HOURS

WINTER HOURS will take effect from Nov 1 to Feb 27, 2016. The office/Henderson House will be open Tuesday to Friday from 11 am – 3 pm.



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TELUS restoring Townsite building

Restoration proceeding on NWT Building

The Northwest Telephone Building was constructed in 1931 and was the communication centre for Powell River. This building was used to house the huge cord switchboards for the town. Today the building is owned by TELUS.

During the past year we were pleased to work with TELUS to restore the historic Northwest Telephone building on Walnut Street. Together, we painted the exterior of the heritage building, bringing the site back

to its beautiful historic colours, and cleaned up the grounds. The restoration is ongoing, with further heritage upgrades expected next year.

So, while in the Townsite, take a pass by the TELUS building across from the Old Courthouse Inn on Walnut, and see what we've all been up to! We trust you will be pleased to see the transformation!

Thank you TELUS, for your commitment to restore the heritage of this wonderful old building.



Above: The Northwest Telephone Building in 1931.

Right: Inside the telephone office circa 1931. Note the operator at her switchboard at right.

Inset: Standing in front of the TELUS building in 2015 are Jeff Kenyon, Program Manager, TELUS Real Estate, Ann Nelson, Townsite Heritage Society, and Vera Gammert, Project Manager, Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions



The young man on the hill

A fervent gardener and a personal friend

Richard Light is a young man who deserves a lot of recognition for his dedication to the Townsite's Triangle Garden. He has contributed many hours of work cutting and cleaning up the grass, weeding gardens, removing stones and lugging away broken and fallen branches from storm-damaged fir and robinia trees. Richard has worked with me on this piece of City property since 2006. Over the intervening years I can vouch for his brute strength, his enthusiasm and reliability that has helped me out on many occasions. His favourite tools include a self-propelled lawn mower, a gas-driven grass trimmer, a wheelbarrow and a four-pronged short-handled garden fork. Over the years since retirement I have been referred to as "the man on the hill." Now that quite a few years have passed Richard's commitment has increased in hours spent in the garden. Now, as you drive to work, if you see only one person working in the garden, it will likely be Richard—the young man on the hill.

Andy Davis (aka Dr Dirt)



Above: Rich, healthy results from Richard's efforts.

Below: Richard Light with the tools of the trade



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Chloe Smith (at left) of Townsite Brewing presents a cheque to Linda Nailer from Townsite Heritage for funds raised with the company's 'growler' program.



The Digester tradition continues with help from FCU

For many years First Credit Union has provided funding to assist with creating our Digester Newsletter, and we wish to thank them once again for their ongoing support. Without you we would simply have to "stop the press!"



Valerie Carlsen (left), Branch Manager of Powell River's First Credit Union presents a cheque for \$750 to Linda Nailer for the Townsite Heritage Society.

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The Townsite Heritage Society presented their annual Home & Garden Awards on Saturday, October 24 at 2 pm at Henderson House Museum. These awards have a long history dating back to 1917 with a Garden Contest sponsored by the Powell River Company. The awards program was reinstated in 1992; the Society recognizes the efforts of owners of well-maintained homes and gardens. This year the Society partnered with RONA, Springtime Garden Centre and Mother Nature Garden Centre to present a gift certificate and plaque at a reception in their honour.



HOME AWARDS

Grand General

Margaret Paterson

5811 MAPLE AVENUE (LEFT)

Grand Heritage Award

Amanda Hasler

6318 OAK STREET (BELOW)

Most Improved Home Award

Willem & Brenda Van Delft

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Best Containers

Don & Millicent Sharp
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Best Mixed Border ❷

Gilles & Janice Rivest
5534 MAPLE AVENUE

Most Improved Mixed Border ❺

Colin Kernohan & Jodi Young
6344 POPLAR STREET

Best Kitchen Garden

Chris Matheson & Uli Herl
5597 MAPLE AVENUE

Best Kitchen Garden (Runner Up)

Stephen Robinson & Suzan Roos
5488 MAPLE AVENUE

Best Garden Structure ❹

St David & St Paul Anglican Church
6310 SYCAMORE STREET

Spring Fling ❸

David & Cheryl Antle
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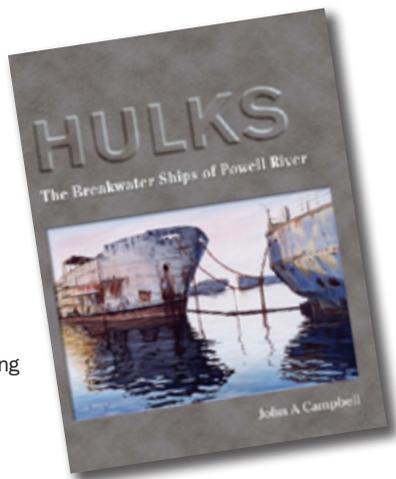

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Book Winners

In the last edition of The Digester (Spring and Summer 2015) we announced a draw for anyone joining or renewing their Townsite Heritage Membership whereby they would be entered in a draw. The prizes? Copies of the book "Hulks, The Breakwater Ships of Powell River," by John A Campbell. Two books were awarded: congratulations to Dianne Maynard and Jessica Fischer.

The Hulks, by John Campbell. A definitive history of the great ferro-cement ships in the Townsite harbour. Available at the Society office, \$15.

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Guided Townsite Tours

The scheduled summer tours have ended, but don't worry, we still do group bookings. It's only \$5 per person and it's a nice healthy way to entertain your friends and family. Give us a call at 604-483-3901 or email thetownsite@shaw.ca to book a time. Want to take a self-guided tour instead? Just pick up a self-guided tour brochure at Henderson House, The Visitor's Centre, the Powell River Historical Museum or at the Patricia, and away you go!

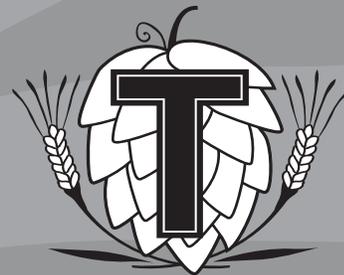


From right, Stewart Alsgard, Susan Jersak and her family members, along with other visitors to Powell River, are being treated to a walk back through time with Stewart Alsgard leading the way.

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Paint-Up 2015 Perrault's Pretty Palace

Rod and Erin Perrault of 5504 Maple Street are very proud of their fresh new colours, after being selected for the 2015 Annual Paint-Up campaign. In Rod's words: "The RONA staff have been amazing support, helpful with suggestions, great with helping us to organize the paint, flexible with organizing things and on and on and on. I would certainly recommend them and their support to anyone taking on a big paint project like this one was! We're so grateful to both the THS and to RONA for this experience. THANK YOU! It makes us feel so proud to live in a part of town where there is such support for the care of our homes!"

The photo in black and white is just a teaser. Really—you need to drive by and see the results for yourself. Look for the RONA/SICO sign out front.



The paint up winners received a package including 20 gallons of SICO paints donated by SICO Paints. Powell River RONA building centre provided all of the application products needed to do the job and professional advice. For homeowners interested in applying for this program, watch for our announcement in the Spring 2016 Digester Newsletter.

We also wish to express our sincere thanks to Powell River RONA Building Centre for their generous and continuing long-term sponsorship of our Townsite beautification program. We also express our gratitude to SICO Paints for providing their quality paint! You have given our Heritage Townsite more reason to beam with pride! THANK YOU!

Treasures in your family history?

Do you have a family story from the early days of the Townsite (1910-1930) or a family photo that you would like to share? On occasion we are looking for such treasures to place in our Digester Newsletter, so if you think your family story is something we might like to use, please contact Linda at the Townsite Heritage Society by emailing thetownsite@shaw.ca or drop in to Henderson House at 6211 Walnut Street.

Blackberry Shortcake Fundraiser

The August 21st street party was an evening of success. This is our most important fundraiser of the year and without your help it wouldn't be possible. We acknowledge and thank the following businesses and supporters who help us to make this fundraiser happen.

Quality Foods, First Credit Union, Wind Spirit Gallery, St David & St Paul Anglican Church, Rocky Mountain Bakery & Pizza. And we thank our willing volunteers in the kitchen, at the sales booth, our blackberry pickers, and last definitely not least — all you blackberry shortcake lovers out there! We'll be back next year!



Robert Dufour

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E-mail us at <thetownsite@shaw.ca>  townsiteheritagesocietyofpowellriver



Yes, I would like to be a member for 2016 \$5 MEMBERSHIP

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CASH DONATION \$10 \$20 \$30 \$40 \$50 Other \$ _____

Yes, I am willing to assist in volunteer efforts for the Townsite Heritage Society.

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