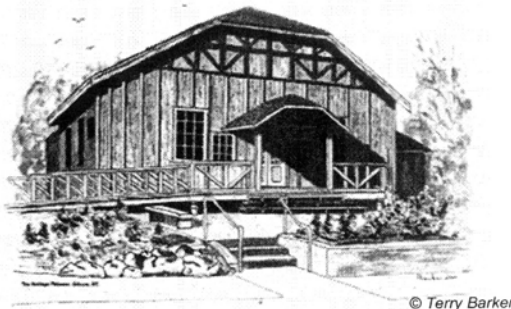


GIBSONS LANDING HERITAGE SOCIETY

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Please note:
All donations to the
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- Twenty years on!!

Now that we have just celebrated our 10th anniversary we feel it is time to reflect.....

- Whose idea was this anyway?

Fred Inglis, of the Gibsons Landing Heritage Society and the Suncoast Players, learned that the School District Maintenance Shop was to be demolished. Fred, whose aunt had mortgaged her house to build the original Women's Institute Hall, which became the Maintenance shop, decided to save it and donated the first \$1,000.00.

- How much did it cost? Over \$440,000

- Where did the money come from?

Locally.....

The Gibsons Landing Heritage Society held Heritage Teas, Bridge and Crib Tournaments, Xmas Wreath contests, sold T-shirts, organized raffles, had a karaoke night and wrote a sell out cookbook.

Rotary held its first annual auction to raise funds for the Playhouse.

Marilyn Browning & Sue Carson wrote a mystery night.

Seats sold raised \$34,000

Wall plaques raised \$14,250

Major donors are honoured in the foyer

Some other sources.....

The BC Heritage Trust

The Vancouver Foundation

The Koerner Foundation

The Hamber Foundation

The Millennium Fund

The BC 2000 Community Spirit Fund

The Town of Gibsons

The SCR D

Many donations in kind from local individuals and groups all of whom are recorded in 'Stepping Stones'.

All those who donated are honoured in "Stepping Stones", check it out when you are next in the Playhouse

11 guarantors who secured the last \$150,000 from the Credit Union

...a golden girl, a vet, a contractor, 2 home-makers, a town councillor, a lawyer, a retired teacher, a Gibsons couple and an anonymous person who put up a property deed as collateral.

- Why the 'Heritage Playhouse'?

The GLHS Board felt that a new name was required for the building to go along with its new life. The public was asked to send in suggestions and the name of the 'Heritage Playhouse' was suggested by the late and loved Pam Feichtner

- How is the Playhouse run?

Now that the interim financing has been paid off we have a paid part time manager, and a paid once a week janitor.

Between 1990 and 2008 the Board of The Gibsons Landing Heritage Society wore many hats but we have now ceased to vacuum, clean toilets, manage the day-to-day bookings, demolish out-buildings...whew!

The Gibsons Garden Club keeps our gardens beautiful.... unpaid but much appreciated

And the wonderful volunteers who act as ushers and work in the concession

- Whence the Concession?

The revenue from the Concession pays for office supplies, cleaning materials, etc...so keep buying those delicious Nanaimo Bars!

- Who uses it?

In 2001, the first full running year, appearing were:

A Stand Up Comedian

Acapella Choir From Bowen Island

Berni G

Caitlin Hicks

Coast String Fiddlers

Driftwood Players

Elphinstone's Acting Class

Giggling Iguana Productions From Victoria

Improv

Local Writers And Poets

Marilyn Browning

Pete Trower

SC Dance Society

SC Music Society

Shakuhachi Flute

The Elves Telethon

Word Of Mouth Theatre

We are on the Web!

www.heritageplayhouse.com

email: housemanager@heritageplayhouse.com

(Zeta Gaudet)

GIBSONS LANDING HERITAGE SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 28, 2010

Jazz Group of Seven
and Syrinx 7:30 PM

September 3 & 4, 2010

Love Letters 8:00 PM

September 6,7,8,9,10,11&12, 2010

Sunshine Coast Dance Society
Residency

September 13, 2010

Sunshine Coast Film Society
TBA 7:30 PM

September 16,17,18 & 23,24,25, 2010

Circumference of a
Squirrel 8:00 PM

September 19 & 26, 2010

Circumference of a
Squirrel 1:00 PM

September 27, 2010

Sunshine Coast Film Society
TBA 7:30 PM

*** Subject to change -
Please check our website for
further information on these and
future events**

- Who owns the Heritage Playhouse?

The Town of Gibsons which leases it to the Gibsons Landing Heritage Society. The 25 year lease mandates the Society to be the caretakers of the Playhouse. The Heritage Playhouse has always been considered a community participation project. We believe in fiscal responsibility and the prompt payment of bills and are honoured to be running this wonderful centre for the performing arts.

- The Gibsons Landing Heritage Society?

In addition to running the Heritage Playhouse, the Society also aids in the designation of Heritage buildings; has mapped Heritage Trails; advises the Town on the use of Pioneer names for streets; sits on the Town of Gibsons Heritage Commission; and chooses the annual Golden Girl.

During your next visit to the Heritage Playhouse please check the piano in the lobby. There you will find four books with more amazing stories about our journey through time

Some twenty years ago I had the good fortune to be involved in the development of the Gibsons Heritage Playhouse. It was exciting to share Fred Inglis' vision of a small theatre that would rescue the Women's Institute Hall and preserve not only the building, but also the purpose of the hall in its role as a strong community resource. It wasn't just the idea of a theatre being available for community groups (no more lugging heavy risers for seating), it was the idea of continuing the historical use of the building for a myriad of purposes from Town Hall meetings to dance and music recitals and everything in between.

The Gibsons Landing Heritage Society (GLHS) drove this project and scores of community members lent a hand with time, energy and financial support. It was a substantial grant from the Heritage Trust that got us going (I took the ferry to Victoria with the proposal to ensure that we submitted it by the deadline!) along with a couple of federal employment projects that enabled us to employ workers during the difficult early days. The Rotary Club pitched in with a TV Auction, and people were lined up to buy the gorgeous velvet seats. It was exhilarating to work together towards the shared vision of a vital community hub, based on the wonderful history and hard work of the Women's Institute.

Dianne Evans

(Dianne was the person who put the original grant proposal together)

The Gibsons Landing Heritage Society
AGM takes place on October 27th, 2010
At 7:30 PM
At the Heritage Playhouse.
All members are welcome to attend.