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### Lions Bay Historical Society

Tony Cox attended the Archives Association of BC Conference in Revelstoke. A good turnout from other BC communities ensured valuable discussion on current methods of preserving community history. One of the main facilitators discussed audio and video archiving, a Lions Bay Historical Society project headed by Douglas Miller.

Douglas will need a place to hold the archiving interviews. If you have a room that would be suitable, please contact Douglas at 921-8671. The Lions Bay Historical Society has the Howe Sound Booklet and Lions Bay flag stickers for sale to help fund their activities. You can find them in the Village Office, and the General Store. Debbie Wilson is the Council liaison for the Historical Society.

The Lions Bay Historical Society mission is to record and preserve documents and photographs of historical significance to Lions Bay. We meet at the Library at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Library on the last Monday of each month. If you are interested in joining the volunteers, please contact Myron Loutet at 604-921-8698.

*Myron Loutet*



### Looking Back

THE LANDSCAPE OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY as conceived and directed by Mr. Raoul Robillard: A report on the Centennial Project, 1971, of the Village of Lions Bay.

Your first impressions of Lions Bay are formed as you turn off the Garibaldi Highway on to Lions Bay Avenue or Oceanview Road, at the entrance to the Village. The choice of this area for our Centennial Landscape project is most appropriate, having generated much enthusiasm and discussion. We are particularly fortunate to have secured the guidance and direction of Mr. Raoul Robillard, landscape architect, well-known for outstanding plant and rock work that represents the permanence for his creative artistry: Butchart Gardens, The Bentall Centre, B.C. Hydro Building, Surrey Memorial Hospital, Hillside, MSA Building, the Spurrway Apartment Gardens, an outstanding treatment of the North Shore Crematorium, and many private homes, to list but a few of his landscape projects. His discussion of living things reflect a total appreciation of the natural environment: in vivid terms he describes the dynamic geography that we enjoy in Lions Bay, the sweeping contours of the village entrance, with the lofty crown of Harvey Mountain high above a backcloth of evergreen

forest. As compliment and contrast to the dominance of evergreen pine, and amid the large dimensions of its surrounds, the Village entrance will ultimately shelter a small plantation of carefully selected shrubs and trees, with leaf and blossom to accent the seasons of nature - Pyracantha, Cotoneaster, Azelea, Juniper, Mugo Pine, Oak, London Plane, Copper Beech, Lepiodendron, Magnolia, Japanese Maple, Pacific Dogwood, Holly... a total of more than two hundred plants. And within this garden, the children's bus shelter- a cedar canopy over our ancient water tower. Support for the Centennial Project has come from various sources Grants from: Lions Bay Village Council \$350, Victoria \$350 and Ottawa \$350. The Centennial Raffle raised the generous sum of \$306. Donations help tremendously: 100 yards of soil from Dawson's Development Company. A truck load of telephone poles from B.C. Tel. A cedar log for the Village sign was found by J. Powell, it was cut at the De Deck Sawmill in Squamish and now bears the inscription "LIONS BAY" as carved by the hands of Paul Deggan. Frank Smith (Superintendent) and Works crew completed the rock work. We have received helpful suggestions regarding plants from Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Grist. Mr. Robillard's time and knowledge was freely donated to our Village project. The bulldozing and rockwork (\$500 - \$600), the lumber for the bus shelter (\$400), and the sawdust represent the major expenses. But the essential ingredient that will surely create our Village Entrance and Garden is voluntary effort - effort that makes each available dollar go as far as ten - to prepare the landscape, to dig holes for plants, to hand carve the Village Sign, to built the bus shelter... Already a large part of the work has been done, but much remains- over one hundred holes for shrubs and trees to be dug, and shingles to be placed on the bus shelter; many individuals have already given of their time and energy to this enterprise, but we always look for others to join us in the spirit of fun and cooperation (and hard work), in "work parties" on Saturdays and Sundays. Financial support toward our dwindling dollar resources will also be greatly appreciated. Cheques, in favour of "Lions Bay Centennial Fund" may be delivered or mailed to myself, or to Mr. J. Fairfield, Treasurer, 25, Lions Bay Avenue. The planting - all of the two hundred and twenty specimens- will be done the weekend of the 9th October 1971, with plants small enough to root well and adapt to the local climate, and to grow, year after year, a garden to greet you at the Entrance to the Village Of Lions Bay.

Village of Lions Bay Centennial Committee: L. K. Peterson, J. Daly, J. A. Fairfield, Mrs. J.J. Peterson.  
*Original story from 1971 issue of The Seagull, written by Louis K. Peterson, still a resident of Lions Bay.*  
*Trudi Luethy*