

COMMUNITY

Women's convention provides heartfelt inspiration



VIEW FROM THE PORCH
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Creek, B.C.

Each District took turns offering snacks from their areas: Bear pepperoni (Smithers) fruit, grain breads, crackers, wild berry preserves.

Inspirational speakers: Peter Legge, internationally acclaimed professional speaker; Linda Wegner, workshop consultant with the Agricultural Institute of Management in Saskatchewan.

Workshops to choose from, day tours of the area, time to attend the Sidney Summer Street Market, a grand finale - salmon dinner at Sooke along with entertainment being a loggers' show of skills.

The fitting windup to the event was a Red Dress Gala, recognizing the symbol of the Heart and Stroke Foundation's *The Heart Truth Campaign*, a sea of red, truly "heart" warming.

68 B.C. registrants attended this Convention, (Fay Van Horn, Glenwood Womens' Institute, Smithers and Wanda Mason, South Hazelton Wom-

ens' Institute from our area) for a total of 260 people from across Canada.

The 2015 convention is in New Brunswick.

A funny story: two women from B.C. have a memory from the convention different from all the rest.

They were staying at the Best Western and were awakened just before midnight by a noise.

They sat up in

bed to see a naked man coming in their window.

When they asked him what he was doing, he replied, "Sorry, wrong room," and strolled across to the door, exiting into the hall.

A tale to carry home.

Youth Book Club at the Library.

July book: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (pre-teens, teens).

Discuss the book, play fantasy games, watch the movie.

Wednesday evenings, starting July 4.

August book: *The Hunger Games* (teens). Discuss the book, design your own world, watch the movie.

Wednesday evenings, starting August 1.

A workshop: Mountain Biking.

An introduction to mountain biking – choose a bike, main-

tain it, find a trail that will suit your skill level.

Monday, July 9, 7pm.

Programs are free, more information: 250-847-3043.

Ant season, pesky critters.

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants.

They eat it, take it home but can't digest it, they die.

May take a week or so, especially if it

rains (been doing that a lot lately) but it is supposed to work.

No poison to threaten pets, small children.

For those who like strange words like I do, check these two out: pescatarian and sardanapalian.

Never mind the dictionary, I did not find them in there.

Closing with: *There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.*

- Beverly Sills

The National Convention of Federated Women's Institutes of Canada was held June 12-16 in Sidney, B.C. Women gathered for this triennium, themed *Coast to Coast - Women's Institute Alive and Well*.

An emphasis on heart and stroke focused on women's heart health with a unique challenge to Women's Institute members to walk across Canada, without leaving their community, by using a pedometer to track their steps during 2011.

The winner was Judy Watson of Rock

LIFE IN AN EXPLORATION CAMP



A few weeks ago, Seabridge Gold opened its exploration camp at the company's KSM Project, located 65 kilometres northwest of Stewart. The KSM camp is the base from which Seabridge conducts the seasonal onsite exploration, geotechnical, engineering and environmental work for its proposed gold, copper, silver and molybdenum mine.

Seabridge has operated the camp for the past seven years; each year, the focus of the work is slightly different.

This year, Seabridge is finalizing its mine design plan and preparing to submit its environmental assessment and permit applications in November 2012, so camp and field activities are focused on supporting these objectives.

Since mid-May, about 30 people have been living in camp. By the end of June, there will be approximately 50 people as different work projects ramp up. Most are employed by the technical experts and companies Seabridge has hired to help design and develop the proposed mine.



If you're a cook, you're up at 4 a.m. getting breakfast ready for everyone. The rest of the camp residents are usually up by 6 a.m., with time to eat, pack a lunch and head out to catch the helicopter to work; many are back by 5 p.m., in time for supper.

Tim Dodd is one of the project geologists working on the KSM Project. Project geologists typically work 12-hour days, with job duties that include core logging, drill hole spotting, sampling core, visiting drill rigs, mapping and field work. "What I like most about my job is seeing new country and travelling to places few get to see. I like the challenge and reward of deciphering the geological puzzles of the earth that were created over millions of years. And of course I love working outdoors," he shares.

Life in camp can be tough so Seabridge makes the KSM camp as comfortable as possible by providing things like internet access, satellite radio and phone booths. This means that when people aren't working, they have the option of connecting with their families, catching up on their emails and paper work, or just heading into the common areas to watch movies or play cards or chess.

"After a long day working outdoors, it's good to be able to come back to camp to good food, the chance to see what's going on in the outside world, or just to chill out in a comfortable environment," Tim adds.

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Already this year, the camp has been home to geologists, drillers, mechanics, pad builders, pilots, cooks, carpenters, labourers, environmental scientists and technicians. These men and women come from across BC to live and work on the KSM Project, sometimes for a few weeks at a time, from places like Dease Lake, Hazelton, New Aiyansh, Prince Rupert, Smithers, Telegraph Creek, Terrace and Vancouver.

With so many people, each with different roles and responsibilities, it's hard to describe a typical day in camp because it really does depend on what you do.



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MEETING SCHEDULE 2012

June 28, 2012.....RDBN Board Meeting/SNRHD Meeting
 July 19, 2012.....RDBN Board Meeting/Committee Meetings/SNRHD Meeting
 August 16, 2012.....RDBN Board Meeting/Committee Meetings/SNRHD Meeting
 September 6, 2012.....RDBN Committee Meetings

Meetings tentatively commence at 10:30 a.m. please call (250) 692-3195/1-800-320-3339 for further information
PUBLIC IS WELCOME

Have a safe & fun Canada Day!

Learn more about the KSM Project

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