

## Museum/Heritage Report – Dec. 7, 2016 – AGM submitted by Shirley Blackstaff

1. **The Maritime Museum** has been closed for the winter to work on the new exhibit. Jean Guy Bergeron has been working steadily to create a ship captain's cabin. In the spring, please come into the Museum to experience this walk-in exhibit.



2. **The Harbour Heritage Centre** is closed for the winter season but open by appointment. A few groups and individuals have been given a guided tour during October - November.

### 3. Education Program

- Continuing to look into getting touch tanks and lighting for the Sea Life Centre
- Researching the sea life traditionally used for food by the Stz'uminus First Nation
- Updating the *Sea Life of Ladysmith Harbour* booklet with help from marine biologist, Rick Harbo.
- The oyster industry book, *Mom was an Oyster Farmer* by Myfanwy Plecas is being edited and soon will be printed. It will become a new resource book for our Education Program.
- Continuing to cooperate with schools, community members, SFN and LDHS on our education programs' heritage/cultural education booklets. We are making great progress. The two Purple Martin booklets written by our 2015 summer student, Jennika Erickson are being transcribed to Hul-q-umi-num by Pearl Harris. These booklets written in both languages will be for young children. The project is supported by Ladysmith Maritime Society, Stz'uminus First Nation, Ladysmith & District Historical Society and Georgia Basin Ecological Assessment and Restoration Society – BC Purple Martin Stewardship & Recovery Program. I feel this collaborative effort is most rewarding and very important to LMS goals.

### NEEDS

- We are exploring options for more space. We have discussed closing in the back of the Maritime Museum, obtaining space on the ground floor of the Machine Shop or obtaining a new or used boat house for:
  - 8 unique small heritage boats that are not suitable to be stored in the water
  - Our excellent outboard motor collection with popular and rare makes which have been catalogued, researched and are ready to be displayed
  - Artifacts which cannot be put into our upstairs Archive room because it has reached its capacity
  - An inside classroom for our education program
- We are searching for volunteers to assist with: innovative technology, education programs, museum displays, events and wood working projects.
- Please phone 250-245-3075 or email [vimarmot@shaw.ca](mailto:vimarmot@shaw.ca) if you are interested in helping with the programs and projects of the Sea Life Centre, Maritime Museum, Harbour Heritage Centre or the LMS Archives.