

## Report from Events Committee

**September 2011 – May 2012**

Over the past academic year, while students were in classes, UVic retirees also had opportunities to discover more about local and national developments in culture, history, and science. Our fall program took us back to the 1800's and gave us insight into the area's agricultural background at Heritage Acres, education and social life at Craigflower Manor and Schoolhouse, and our marine heritage at the Maritime Museum.

Our Christmas Luncheon moved to a new venue in the Cadboro Commons for a buffet lunch and the much anticipated "Tales Outside the Ring" with Trevor Mathews. The podium was given over to Reg Mitchell, Fred Fisher and Bob McQueen for the official induction of Trevor into the Loyal Order of P. Many thanks go to the instigators and to Bob Allen for his construction of the award for a memorable event.

January began with a tour of the Institute of Ocean Sciences, and lunch in the cafeteria. We were able to view the Geosciences Center and the Hydrographic Centre, with presentations by the staff. Our traditional Chinese New Year's lunch at the Crystal Jade was very well attended. The story of the immigration of Chinese sons to Victoria told by John Adams was very powerful. The rare opportunity to view the collections of the Royal BC Museum Archives Tower was made possible by Trevor. We realized the value of protecting the items from past and our own provenance. April weather cooperated to make a spectacular tour of the Finnerty Gardens, led by Agnes Lynn, with her impressive knowledge of every plant in the garden. A sunny day greeted the members who gathered at 6:30 AM to travel to Gabriola Island in May. John King, UVRA member, and resident of Gabriola since his retirement, guided us to the special areas of this unique island.

Participant attendance:

Heritage Acres	21
Craigflower Manor and Schoolhouse	23
Maritime Museum	25
Christmas Luncheon	60
Institute of Ocean Sciences	34
Chinese New Year	46
RBCM Archives Tower	40
Birds and Plants of Finnerty Gardens	26
Gabriola Island	41
TOTAL	316

The committee of Bob Allen, Jim Currie, Donna Moen, with past committee members Trevor Mathews and Trudy Beyers, worked very hard to put together an interesting and intriguing schedule of events. Much appreciation goes to Kathy Harris and Sharon Crumly with her office volunteers, who very effectively handled the registrations and inquiries.