

THE OPENING OF THE ROBERTS CREEK COMMUNITY HALL
May 24, 1934.

Roberts Creek is unincorporated. Many of our community services are done by dedicated volunteers who work for love of the community. We try to look after each other, and keep the fires of community burning.

WHAT DOES THE RCCA DO?

The RCCA is an integral part of this community spirit. Its elected Board, staff, and members:

- Manage the property owned by the RCCA - the Community Hall and the Library.
- Host events in the Hall: dances, flea markets, weddings, fund-raisers, yoga, dog training, fencing, solstice dinners, and celebrations of life.
- Manage Creek Daze: a joyful August celebration of our community, with Higgedly Piggedly Parade, dancing, music, and food.
- Manage Christmas Craft Fair: the longest running on the Coast, showcasing our artists and artisans.
- Provide important links with the Official Community Plan and the SCR.D.
- Host monthly community meetings to address local issues.

To rent the Community Hall for your event, please call 604-885-2715.



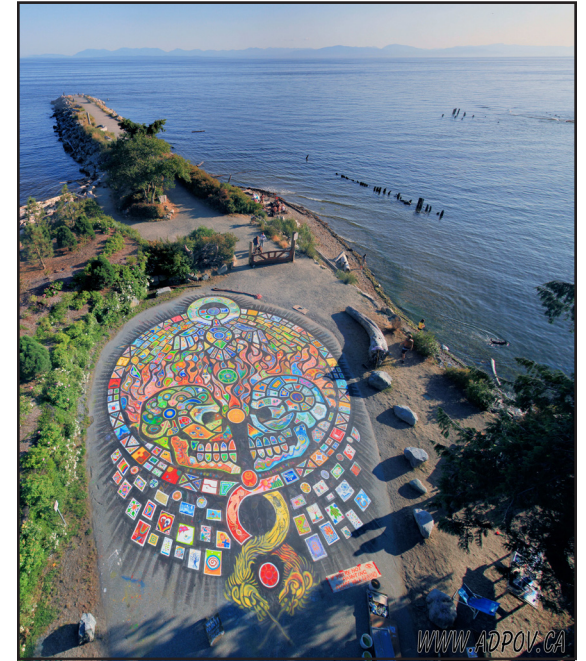
Tom and Nancy Roberts, 1904

HOW TO JOIN THE RCCA?

You can sign up at:

- The monthly meetings, 4th Wednesday of the month at the Roberts Creek Hall - 7:30pm except July, August & December
- Earth Day, Creek Daze or Christmas Craft Fair
- The Library Reading Room in Roberts Creek
- Call the Community Hall at 604-885-2715
- Email membership@robertscreek.org

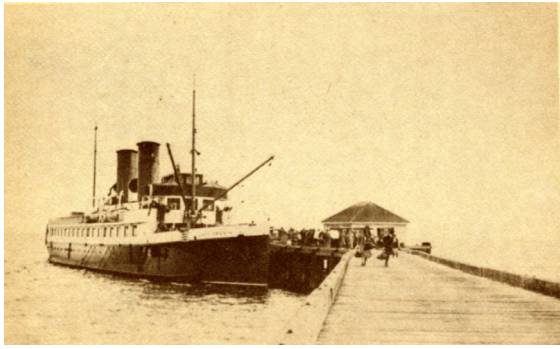
ROBERTS CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SINCE 1934



Mandala at the Pier Summer 2009

THE GUMBOOT NATION

Those of us who live in Roberts Creek are proud of the history and sense of community that flourishes here. WE love our artists, gardeners, musicians, academics, loggers, artisans, draft dodgers, carpenters, characters, fisherfolks, writers, actors, teachers, small businesses, doctors, veterans, old timers. We revel in our foresters, creeks, and sunny days. We are proud of our reputation as “The Independent Nation of Roberts Creek.”



JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Joining the RCCA indicates your strong support of the history, vision, integrity and health of your community.

You can become one of the many happy volunteers at community events.

Community Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every month.

Join because the RCCA is one of the few clubs left that will accept you even if you don't become a member!

Memberships are:

SINGLE - ANNUAL \$5

SENIOR - ANNUAL \$5
(over 60 - single or family)

FAMILY - ANNUAL \$8
(includes children under 18)

Historical Characteristics of Roberts Creek... Sound Familiar?

The area now known as Roberts Creek was traditional territory of the First Nations of the *Shishalh* and Squamish. The name of the creek was "*Hwah-sam*" which means "big fat salmon." Settlers arrived in 1889.

GARDENERS

Thomas Roberts, the settler who names the Creek now bears, built his first home in 1892. It was a well-made cedar shake cabin east of the mouth of the Creek. Here he planted a garden and orchard. Roberts had been the head gardener of an estate in England. Today, Roberts Creek has the One Straw Society promoting a growing community of organic gardeners.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The Federal Government built the original pier (1912) but only completed it to high water mark. Beyond that was Provincial jurisdiction. However, the Provincial government refused to build the ramp onto the pier. This was too much for the settlers, and they built it themselves. Today, Roberts Creek is host to the first rural housing cooperative! We are also the only community in BC with its own Official Community Plan Commission.

WORK TO SURVIVE

People made their living trapping, fishing, logging, gardening, working "away," doing carpentry, sewing, farming; working in shake mills, the post office or store. Now the Creek is filled with home based businesses from graphic designers and writers to carpenters and auto shops.

ARTISTS

Harry Roberts, son of Thomas, was an artist, not only with pencil and paintbrush, but also in the design of his houses and boats. Today, Roberts Creek has an array of exciting artists and artisans.

MUSICIANS

The Roberts Creek String Orchestra was formed in the late 1940's. Enthusiasm was boundless and newcomers were carefully scrutinized to see if they showed any musical talent. Today, Roberts Creek still has a strong orchestra, and a plethora of home-grown musicians. It also attracts incredible talent from around the world.

SUMMER VISITORS

The Union Steamship began daily commutes from Vancouver (1912-1920). Summer visitors flocked to the Creek. Many built summer cottages. Today, although we have many tourists, most of our community is permanently settled. They embrace the unique sense of community and the rural lifestyle.

THE ROBERTS CREEK SCHOOL

The Roberts Creek School has been an important part of our community since 1952. Local community members raised funds and built the community-use rooms, office and gymnasium. Officially becoming a community school in 1997, as well as being the local elementary school, it also provides a much needed venue to welcome all community. We are also fortunate to have the vibrant Sun Haven Waldorf School, presently housed at Camp Douglas, and a strong home schooling group.

THE COMMUNITY HALL

In 1931 there was a growing feeling that there be a building for young people to gather to play games and have dances. The land was donated, and money was raised by the community for materials. Admission to the opening dance was 25 cents for gentleman, and ladies brought the refreshments. Today, the old hall still serves its community with dances, celebrations and events.

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