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## Wendy Mobley remembered with Heritage BC Award Outstanding Impact Volunteer Award

By Linda Nailer

**OUTSTANDING IMPACT VOLUNTEER AWARD**  
**Wendy Mobley, Volunteer & Docent**  
Townsite Heritage Society of Powell River

This award goes to special volunteers like Wendy “who have demonstrated dedication above and beyond to make a specific program, project or initiative a reality.”

Heritage BC, announced their award winners at the Annual Heritage BC Conference on May 2, 2024 in Nelson, BC, and our Society is so proud that Wendy, was recognized in this way.



“Wendy showed outstanding dedication to Henderson House Living Museum through her years of volunteering” says Britney Dack, Chair of Heritage BC. “Honouring her with this award posthumously is an opportunity to celebrate the incredible impact she had on her community through the Henderson House Living Museum. The time she spent and scope of work she undertook at the museum is a testament to the importance and value of local heritage in our communities.”

### Once in a lifetime we are gifted when a special person comes into our lives...

Prior to becoming a volunteer with The Townsite Heritage Society, Wendy was a Certified Professional Draftswoman for the mill. When she retired she was enlisted in her profession in 2009 by our Society, over 14 years ago, to apply her drafting skills to the restoration of Henderson House Living Museum. With her drafting abilities the Society was able to recapture the original layout of the house, and replace walls, doorways, windows, etc. Once the house was restored and the project completed, Wendy remained as a volunteer and docent for two days a week.

I first met Wendy Mobley in 2014 when I came to work as coordinator for The Townsite Heritage Society in Powell River, at Henderson House Living Museum. As it turns out, the house would not be the only thing that would leave me in awe...

See Wendy, p. 2

## Wendy, from p. 1

Henderson House Living Museum at that point had just become occupied by the Townsite Heritage Society (after very extensive restoration) and the doors were open to the public. The gardens had been newly planted, the house still in need of some interior finishing such as painting, installing pantry cabinets, light fixtures, furnishings and many other things.

Wendy had just finished the creation and implementation of an impressive filing system that was needed for the organization, and in the meantime, giving two days a week of her time as volunteer and docent. She seemed to be everywhere doing everything all the time!

On certain projects Wendy would bring yet another fantastic volunteer into the picture — her husband Doug Mobley. I could write volumes about the “dynamic duo” as Doug has also volunteered in a big way, and continues to do so. Thank you, Doug.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, I would find Wendy working away, weeding or watering the gardens, seeding and later mowing the lawn, pruning and planting shrubbery, and other times painting trim, refinishing furniture, upholstering furniture or organizing our event kits (Heritage Week, Fundraiser supplies, old files etc.). Wendy was extremely thorough and would not consider a task complete until it was perfect, which was much to the benefit of Henderson House Living Museum. I cannot take one step through the house without seeing something that Wendy has done, a reminder of her high-level impact.

Wendy repainted the porch and touched up the exterior of the house where it was needed, repainted the pergola, and always kept the house spotless and beautifully displayed.

Wendy was a constant at Henderson House Living Museum that the Society relied upon to make the Museum shine. She was also very happy to volunteer as a docent and would often take people through the house when I was not available.

One time Wendy used a 1920s skirt pattern and sewed a 4-panel skirt together for a display she created in the master bedroom. She also made a period apron to hang in the pantry closet, and a braided scatter rug for the kitchen (in yellow and robin’s egg blue to match the kitchen colours).

The list of tasks that she performed is endless, but I have hopefully touched on some of the highlights.

Wendy never had to be asked to do ANYTHING — she instinctively knew what was best and rolled up her sleeves. She had a great vision of what Henderson House Living Museum should be and passionately supported it.

Wendy was born in St Luke’s Hospital, right next door to Dr Henderson’s home, and grew up in the Historic Townsite. She had many memories passed down from her relatives and their neighbours (starting with the 1910 early Townsite years) that she proudly shared. These memories enhanced her love for the volunteer work that she did here and made her presence a great asset.

Wendy was a dedicated volunteer and asked for nothing in return. She was a mentor, a helper, a giver, a soul of substance and altruism, someone who raised the bar. She has made Henderson House Living Museum a better place and her influence has made me a better person.

Wendy, you have left some very big shoes to fill at Henderson House Living Museum, and your presence is missed not only for your hard work and knowledge, but also for your kindness, camaraderie and wisdom. May there be beautiful gardens for you to enjoy on your new journey.

### TOWNSITE TIDBIT

## OFFICE/MUSEUM HOURS

Henderson House Living Museum & Townsite Heritage Society Office are open Year-Round:

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### TOWNSITE TIDBIT

## BOARD MEMBERS

We are pleased to introduce our new 2024 Board of Directors, and to thank them for their work:

**Nina Mussellam**, President

**Peter Harvey**, Vice-President

**Ann Nelson**, Treasurer

**John Keller**, Secretary

Directors at large: **Carol Regnier**, **Sharlene Reid**

These volunteers are among many who generously provide their skills & time to support and celebrate our Townsite neighbourhood. Shout out to long-time Henderson House volunteers: thank you all for your ongoing contributions.

“Looking forward to another great year with Townsite Heritage Society,” **Linda Nailer**, Coordinator

# President's Annual Report for 2023

By Tracey Bellmane

Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed volunteers, dedicated staff, and members of the board, I stand before you with immense gratitude, honored to express our sincere thanks for your unwavering commitment and selfless service at Henderson House Living Museum this year. Your dedication has truly made a difference, enriching the lives of those we serve and enhancing our community.

To our remarkable volunteers, your generosity and passion have been the driving force behind countless positive experiences. Your time and efforts have not only shaped events but have also created a warm and welcoming atmosphere that defines the essence of our community.

Maynard Harry, Stewart Alsgard for guided tours and our recently departed long-time friend Wendy Mobley for her work at Henderson House Living Museum, the gardens and house tours.

A heartfelt appreciation extends to our hardworking staff member, Linda, whose tireless efforts behind the scenes ensure the smooth operation of Henderson House. Your professionalism and dedication contribute significantly to the success of our endeavors, and we are truly grateful for your invaluable contributions.

Lastly, but certainly not least, our esteemed board members. Your strategic vision, guidance, and leadership have been instrumental in steering us towards our goals. Your commitment to the betterment of our community sets an inspiring example for us all. John working with Townsite volunteers on the Triangle Gardens; Ann and John applying for a Community Forest grant for HH repairs and managing the project built by Don Skorey; Melanie for taking over minutes and blackberries and helping with first Plein Air; Nina for hosting a lap quilt making class and preparation of blackberries for our August fundraiser; Heritage Week — Carole and Nina and Linda; Peter for the Augmented Reality app; and so much more, and everyone involved in getting the bench in memory of Dr Dirt — Andy Davis.

As we reflect on the past year, let us celebrate the collective impact we have made together. Your commitment to service has created a ripple effect of positivity, touching the lives of many. Here's to each and every one of you, the heart and soul of Henderson House. Thank you for your selflessness, dedication, and the positive change you bring to our community. Cheers to a bright future filled with continued collaboration and success!

## Achievements 2023-34

The preservation and enhancement of Henderson House have been key priorities for Townsite Heritage over the past year. Through continued maintenance and updates to the landscaping, the historic charm of this iconic building has been preserved for future generations to enjoy thanks to a grant by Community Forest and the efforts of Don Skorey, wheelchair access has been re-established, the back deck rebuilt and a more secure front access up the front stairs accomplished with a railing in timekeeping with the period. With warmer spring weather on the way, painting the new fixtures will seal the deal on getting this house in order!

We thank all those who came out to the Town Centre Mall during BC Heritage Week to take a walk down memory lane. From February 19th to 25th, we celebrated the theme “Layer By Layer” that invited residents to dig deeper into our community’s past and explore the many layers and stories that our unique community holds.

Overall, Townsite Heritage has made significant strides in celebrating and preserving the unique heritage of our Historic District. With the continued support of the community and local government, we are confident that even greater achievements are on the horizon. Together, we can continue to protect and honour the storied past of our town for future generations to cherish.

— Tracey Bellmane

Tracey has passed the torch along—our new President is Nina Mussellam

## *Tea & Tarot Fundraiser*

Our Tea and Tarot Fundraiser held in January was a huge success thanks to the support of our readers Teresa Harwood-Lynn, Angie Davey, Janet Southcott, Caitlin Bryant and Linda Nailer. For all of you that came for your readings — we could not have done it without you!

# “W’at’er” Your Catchment Plans?

## Dealing with dry spells

By Linda Nailer

A question raised and pondered frequently these days by many. What are your contingency plans for water catchment?

My husband and I, like many of you, have used rain barrels forever, like our ancestors and this is handy for small watering jobs in the garden but what about the long-term dry spells?

We have plans in the works for a larger system, and have purchased a 1,500 gallon tank for catching winter rainwater from our roof by the use of a downspout at one corner of the house. A screening filter will be installed at the water intake point of the tank to keep out debris, and to prevent wildlife tragedies from occurring.

Ideally the tank will be mounted on a sturdy raised frame (and I do mean STURDY) or concrete bed in order to take advantage of gravity feed from a spout which will be installed near the bottom of the tank. We live in a rural area and have a dependable drilled well—so far, but I sense the need to have our water contingency plan in place and in use.

We are discussing the concept of a low volume low pressure roof sprinkler system as well as a house perimeter sprinkler system (fire pre-

vention tactic) tied into the catchment water, but those plans are in the early stages.

However, within the City of Powell River, and for others in rural areas with water issues, a more conservative approach must be taken and one must be mindful of water usage during the hot dry spells that we are now facing every year. Water catchment should be the talk and the walk these days, wherever we live.

In the Townsite, a beautiful example of a thought out water catchment system is at the back of the St David & St Paul Anglican Church, and is worth looking at. The

majority of the gardens at the church are lower than the tank so this well planned system conveniently uses the natural slope of the land to assist with gravity feed.

Doing things conservatively can make a difference in your personal life, your community, and the world. I daresay, you can keep your home like an oasis in the desert (and to some extent fire retardant) throughout the summer with a bit of an investment, some planning, and effort.

Hats off to those of you who already have water catchments systems in place. Please share your science with your neighbours and hopefully it will “CATCHMENT ON!”



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# Youth Only a State of Mind

*Borrowed from Powell River Digester, May 1924*

Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions. It is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over your timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than a boy of twenty.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin; but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the heart and turn the grieving spirit back to dust.

Whether sixty or sixteen, there is in every human being's heart the lure of wonder, the sweet amazement of the stars and at starlight things

and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events; the un-failing, childlike appetite for what next, and the joys of the game of living. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubts; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart is an evergreen tree; its name is Love. So long as it flourishes you are young. When it dies you are old.

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## Little Mother of Mine

From *The Digester*, May 1924, author unknown

Sometimes in the hush of the evening hour,  
When shadows creep from the west,  
I think of the twilight songs you sang  
And the boy you lull'd to rest—  
The wee little boy with the tousled head,  
That so long ago was thine.  
I wonder if sometimes you long for that boy,  
O little mother of mine!

And now he has come to man's estate,  
Grown stalwart in body and strong,  
You'd hardly know that he was the lad  
You lulled with your slumber song.  
The years have altered the form and the life,  
But the heart is unchanged by time;  
And still he is only your boy as of old,  
O little mother of mine!

**Mother's Day** (a quote from the May 1924 *Digester*)

*"The second Sunday of May of each year is the day appointed for observance. The white carnation because of its sweetness and purity has been adopted as the emblem of Motherhood, and is dedicated to the day."*

It's the season for a Townsite stroll

# TOWNSITE WALKING TOURS

Our group walking tours are offered year-round by appointment. They are a fun, entertaining and informative way to learn about Townsite history. Tours begin at Henderson House Living Museum at 6211 Walnut Street.

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This year, we are happy to announce that RONA and PPG (SICO) Paint in partnership with the Townsite Heritage Society will be **AWARDING TWO WINNERS** instead of ONE because of last year's winner having to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Annual Paint-Up campaign is just one of many activities the Townsite Heritage Society coordinates to promote pride of ownership and beautification of our Historic Townsite. A fresh coat of paint is a wonderful way for homeowners to showcase their heritage architecture.

Eligible residents can nominate themselves or another Townsite homeowner to receive up to 20 gallons of SICO Exterior Paint at no cost—donated by PPG Architectural Coatings and RONA Powell River, our generous long-term partner.

If you are interested in having your home considered, please email your application, including your address, answers to the eligibility criteria, and three exterior photos of your home (full frontal from the sidewalk, angle shot showing front and part of side, and one close-up of wall demonstrating the need for new paint). Please send to: [thetownsite@shaw.ca](mailto:thetownsite@shaw.ca)

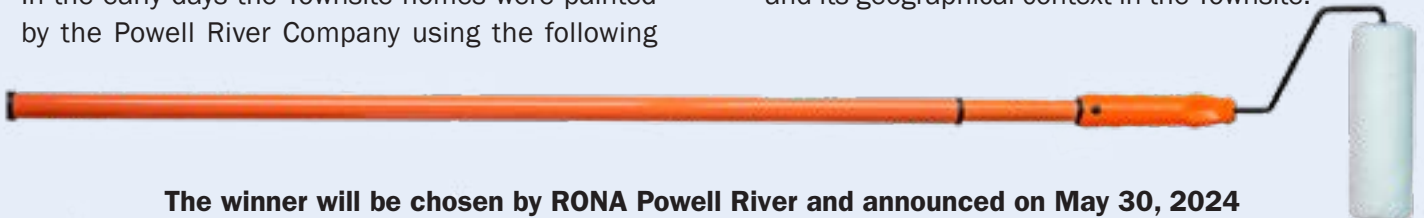
Townsite is an officially-designated National Historic District. The Townsite Heritage Society encourages residents to learn about heritage conservation through activities and services to promote the unique early 20th Century character of the Townsite neighbourhood.

In the early days the Townsite homes were painted by the Powell River Company using the following

colour combinations: light and dark grey with white; dark brown with cafe au lait and cream; dark green with brick red and white. At one point, the Company decided to paint all the houses white due to manager, Joe Foley's conviction that it was more economical and efficient to use just one colour, with dark green or black for the trim.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. House is an original Townsite home with the façade being at least 60% original materials.
2. House is owner-occupied, not a rental
3. House is in need of painting
4. Owner has the personal resources to properly prepare (e.g. sand, fill, prime etc.) and paint the house in the current season, with completion by September 30, 2024.
5. Owner is willing to post a sign on their lawn crediting RONA Powell River, PPG Architectural Coatings and SICO Exterior Paints.
6. Owner is willing to have a "before and after" picture taken to be published in The Digester, the Townsite Heritage Society's newsletter, and/or other media use.
7. Owner must consult with and seek approval from RONA and the Townsite Heritage Society regarding the selection of an appropriate traditional palette of colour choices for the architectural era of the home and its geographical context in the Townsite.



**The winner will be chosen by RONA Powell River and announced on May 30, 2024**

**For more information contact the Society office at 604.483.3901, or email the [townsite@shaw.ca](mailto:townsite@shaw.ca)**



# Townsite Home & EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

This year the judges are calling for nominations from the Townsite Community for the home and garden awards. The nominated gardens are monitored by the judges throughout the growing season (with the exception of Spring Fling) and final judging is completed in early fall. So if you know of a deserving home or garden that fits

the criteria in the following categories (and this could be your own home or garden) please submit your nomination by contacting the Townsite Heritage Society at 604.483.3901. (From time to time we may add a new category, or take one away. Please note that awards aren't necessarily presented in every category each year).

## HOME AWARDS

### Grand General

Awarded to a well-kept home. While this home may not be recognized as 100% heritage, it does retain obvious heritage characteristics, and the exterior cosmetic finishes (paint colours, siding etc.) and impeccable landscaping demonstrates pride of ownership.

### Most Improved Home

Awarded to the owner of a Townsite home for improving the exterior appearance of a home that has been in need of attention. This home will demonstrate a turnaround from ill repair to restored and maintained. The improvements to this home may still be in progress, but consideration is given for potential curb appeal and work completed to date.

### Grand Heritage Award

Awarded to a well maintained/restored home that best reflects our Townsite heritage in every exterior detail, with retention or restoration of original windows, cladding, and roofing. Exterior cosmetics, heritage colours and landscaping all come into play. This house will set a good example of intact original Craftsman design of the period.

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# & Garden Awards

## HOW ABOUT THE 2024 AWARDS



## GARDEN AWARDS

### Spring Fling

This garden will display vibrant spring colours and continue to be in bloom for most of the spring season. Emphasis is placed on plant variety, longevity, and good garden maintenance. Different colour patterns and arrangements will be celebrated to welcome the coming of spring. Judging is held at the beginning of June.

### Most Improved Mixed Border

This mixed border garden will be a noticeable improvement over previous years and is recognized for improved growth, colour and variety. The garden's condition and maintenance over time will be recognized, as well as the improved benefits to the neighbourhood.

### Best Mixed Border

This mixed border garden will be recognized for consistent growth, colour and variety during the summer season. The garden's condition and maintenance will be recognized, as well as the overall curb appeal.

### Most Improved Garden

This garden will be a noticeable improvement over previous years and is recognized for improved growth, overall condition, colour and variety. Garden maintenance is considered as well as consistent colour and blooming variety during the garden season.

### Best Garden Overall

Probably the most prestigious garden award to recognize exemplary design, complexity, colour, variety and condition. Usually the judges consider the garden as it evolves overtime to display floribunda and beauty.

### Best Garden Structure

A slightly different category that recognizes anything unique in design and construction of a garden structure. It could be a pleasant gazebo, garden shed, vintage garage or garden pond sympathetic to our heritage architecture and detail. Creativity and good execution are the only prerequisites.

### Best Kitchen Garden

Usually displayed in the back yard, but we'll judge it wherever we find it. Don't mind if judges are found peering over the fence. This garden is acknowledged, in most cases, for the abundance of vegetables with overall variety, good productivity and festive appeal.

### Best Container Garden

Pots, pots, pots. One can never have too many container pots or hanging baskets. This award recognizes colour, variety, pot design and placement to complement the site.

### Best Commercial Garden

Commercial properties are recognized for overall improvements, maintenance, beauty, and curb appeal. Overall landscaping and design are considered, as well as street trees, garden beds and greenspace.



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## ANDY'S WAY

This is such an appropriate name for the extended pathway in The Triangle Gardens, and is also an inspiration to call our Garden Notes "Andy's Way" for this edition. At the top of the trail across from the lawn bowling club you will see a memorial patio stone in the path, with the wording "Andy's Way" etched into it. Thanks to Will VanDelft who made this happen, in memory of Dr Dirt (aka Andy Davis).

## Moms, Memories, Gardens and Old Books

There are so many heritage plants, trees and shrubs on the list I am looking at in the 1935 book called "The Complete Book of Garden Magic" by Roy E. Biles that I don't know where to begin. Many have remained popular and withstood the test of time, being most beloved such as the delphinium, daffodil, bleeding heart, columbine, rose upon rose upon rose..., the peony, gladiolas, tiger and day lilies, hydrangeas, bridal wreath spirea, begonia, brachycome ageratum, calendula calliopsis, campanula, cosmos, dianthus, gypsophila, impatiens, heleborus, hepatica and on through the alphabet. Part of the charm of these enduring heritage plants is the knowledge that cuttings, root divisions and bulbs were traded freely over back fences and everyone had a chance to expand their collection within their neighbourhood.

True, I could look online and find everything I want to know, but old books are tangible and using this one as a reference guide is also a part of the heritage experience, and for me nothing compares. In fact, when I was leafing



through "The Complete Book of Garden Magic" I literally stumbled onto some real garden magic: a pressed flower, still intact, a gift from a gardener from many seasons gone by! This reminded me of my mother, a passionate gardener, always pressing flowers in books, a common tradition passed down, from grandmother, to

mother, and so on. She also had an instinct which I do not possess, for finding four-leaf clovers, and would press them in her books, and one of those books was an old giant encyclopedia! Of course, when a lucky clover was found, much to my amusement, she would break out in song "I'm looking over a four-leaf clover that I overlooked before...", while

doing the foxtrot, which further drove home the fact that her early years, in Ontario, were spent in the 1920s and '30s enjoying music on the Victrola (and that she had a magnificent sense of humour). Much later in life while enjoying her old books I would indeed find a four-leaf clover! Thanks Mom, I finally found one!

So here's to Moms, memories, gardens and old books!

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## A man can work from sun 'til sun, but a volunteer's work is never done

By Linda Nailer

Today, I am watching a kind person quietly pressure washing the walkways at Henderson House Living Museum, spiffing up the entrance way for Spring. This is one of many volunteer jobs he has taken on and does without fanfare. He will be thatching the grass, and has already made a tremendous improvement in cleaning out the winter-kill and debris from the perennial beds. An aggressive and unruly heather must be dug out and replaced with another

shrub this spring. As usual, the ivy is once again well-trimmed, and the irrigation system is in tip top shape and ready to turn on, thanks to him.

Last week he helped me, as he often does, with a computer glitch, arriving without delay to patch up the problem, ease my anxiety, and get me back on line, with only a thanks in return, but indeed it is a whole hearted and meaningful thanks. He knows he's helping to keep the ship on a smooth and steady course which hopefully brings to him considerable satisfaction. In conversa-

tion he mentions other jobs needing to be done, and the list is of course endless when it comes to maintaining the property of a non-profit organization such as ours.

This is the nature of the volunteer—reliable, seeing and identifying what needs to be done, motivated by generosity to help and to make something better. Thank you Doug!

**Please contact Townsite Heritage Society if you are interested in becoming a volunteer. You will be received with open arms!**

# The Flags that Identify Us: Nation, First Nation

## Long Before The Maple Leaf, Canada celebrated a new flag.



“Canada’s new official flag” of the Dominion, by Order-in-Council, dated April 26, 1922, and effective April 1, 1924, is the only flag permitted to be flown over Government buildings. The main figure on the new flag is still the old Union Jack, which is the flag of all His Majesty’s dominions. The only change is the use of the new Canadian coat-of-arms design that was authorized by King George on November 1, 1921. By the Order-in-Council dated April 26, 1922, the shield from the new Canadian coat-of-arms replaced the old shield on the fly of the flag.”

The arms on this shield are those of England, Scotland, Ireland and France with a “difference” to mark them as Canadian. This difference is the sprig of maple on the lower third of the shield.

The Canadian Red Ensign is used as the Canadian Mercantile Marine Flag, while the Canadian Blue Ensign is used on Canadian Government vessels.”

—From the July 1924 Digester, page 10

**T**here would be several variations of the Ensign flag for the next 41 years until 1965, when the Maple Leaf was unfurled and hoisted.

But there is another very important flag that now stands proudly in our community and throughout Tla’Amin traditional territories, which was raised to commemorate the signing of their Treaty (April 5, 2016) as a Self-Governing Nation. This flag was created by Scott Galligos and depicts a grizzly bear. The grizzly bear represents the watchmen and protectors of the land. Scott’s image was first associated with the Sliammon First Nation flag and raised in 2004 at the dedication of the joint Ayjoomixw Park. It transitioned to represent Tla’amin Nation in 2016.

The flag the way I see it, represents new beginnings out of the ashes and a bridge between a Nation’s historic culture, a linking of past to present to future, a reflective reminder of where we live, of lives brutally interrupted by order of the Canadian Government, catastrophic abuse of families

and children being broken, deceit, shocking dark secrets kept from the general public in previous generations of mistreatment in residential schools and Indian Hospitals, and the heartbreak of dignity and happiness being stolen. Out of this, a respect and awareness of our neighbours’ endurance, a Nation strong and growing stronger, no longer bound by injustice, bent but not broken and slowly healing, but for the haunting of a tragic past.

To our friends and neighbours of Tla’Amin Nation, we wish you a strong and healthy journey and are honoured to be your allies.



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# Collectibles and Antiques

## Fundraising for the Townsite Heritage Society

We have added some antiques and collectibles at Henderson House Living Museum. These include antique tea sets, decorative plates and more. These pre-

loved collectibles are available for sale with funds going to the Townsite Heritage Society. Drop in for a look—we might have just the right gift idea!



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## Membership & Volunteer Form

Please complete and mail or drop off this form to the Townsite Heritage Society office at 6211 Walnut St, Powell River, BC V8A 4K2  
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**Yes, I would like to be a member for 2024**    \$10 MEMBERSHIP

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Yes, I am willing to assist in volunteer efforts for the Townsite Heritage Society.

Please, sign me up to help with:

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# Catnip Park

## A tiny refuge in our midst

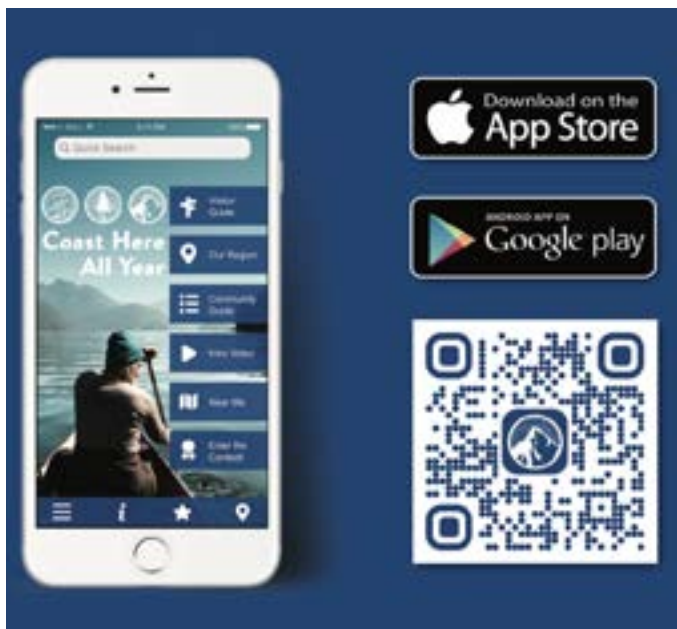
There's nothing more likely to dredge up a smile on a gloomy day than encountering one of Catnip's joyous, colourful murals around Townsite, whether it's the old Fire Hall on Arbutus, or the garage doors dotted along alleys and lanes. We're so fortunate that this young artist not only lives in our neighbourhood, but works and plays here as well! Not everyone may have yet discovered the hidden gem he's created as an extension of his own backyard, but it is an amazing little oasis of colour and ingenuity and native Arbutus trees. Sometimes used for impromptu musical gatherings, or craft sales or other neighbourhood events, it's tucked away in a quiet corner of the Mill's parking lot, along the hillside from the Tele-

phone building on Walnut. More often, it will be quietly providing a refuge from traffic and noise, where walkers can sit and take a break,

watching the progression of sunset across the water, or the eagles and ravens swooping over the river. Thank you, Catnip, and bravo!!



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## Lighting The Path

### What's New in The Triangle Gardens You Ask?

Well the news on the street is that New Lights were installed along the Triangle Garden Walkway, and were lit up on April 3rd!

We'd like to thank the City and Maintenance Crew, Will Van Delft and Townsite Ratepayers Association for partnering with us to make this happen! This is a beautiful and inviting enhancement giving an old time ambiance to evening strolls through the Triangle Gardens. It's

nice to see a dream become a reality, and this doesn't happen without the giving of one's time and energy, along with the collaboration of ideas and people. Wow!!! Well Done!!!

Also, a big round of applause to the clean-up crew that rolled up their sleeves in the gardens in early March. We are fortunate to have such a communal energy willing to put their backs into the jobs that need doing! Thank you!

*Classic fixture and pole now provide lighting for the path along the Triangle Garden Walkway, and it looks great!*

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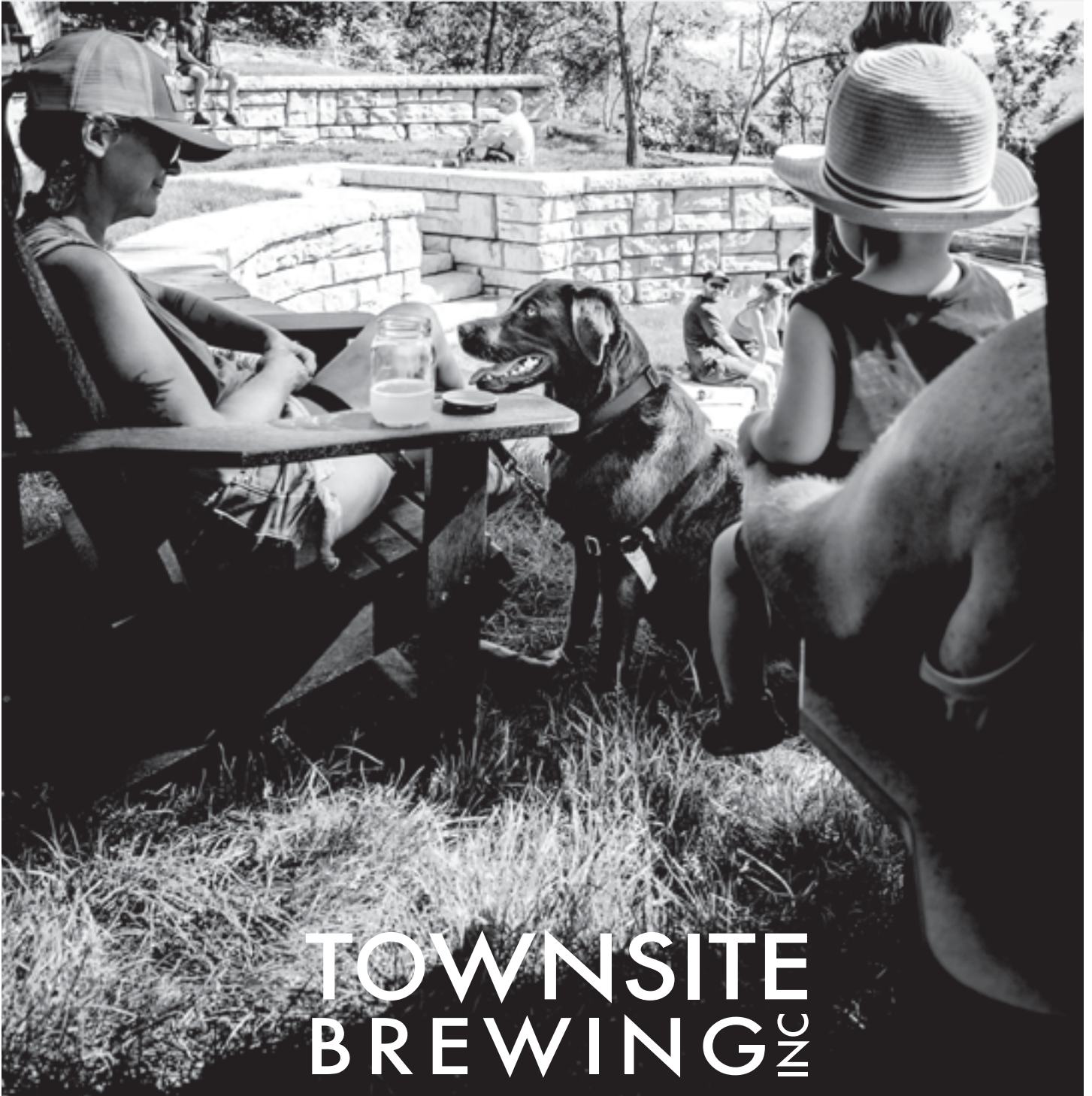
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