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God's Acre Candlelight Vigil

[Sherri Robinson](#)

The Township of Esquimalt invites you to the God's Acre Veterans' Cemetery Candlelight Tribute, an Act of Remembrance

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Time: 6:45 p.m. [please arrive early for parking]

Place: God's Acre [Veterans' Cemetery] located off Colville Road, Esquimalt, behind the Base Hospital inside Gorge Vale Golf Course

Honour those who have served and are currently serving in the cause of peace and freedom. Please join us in laying a candle which will burn until midnight in silent tribute to our Canadian servicemen and women past and present.

Buccaneer Days Arts & Crafts Show & Sale

OCS will have a booth at Buccaneer Days Arts & Crafts Show & Sale on Saturday, May 12, and Sunday, May 13, to be held at the curling rink at Archie Browning Sports Centre. Members of OCS are welcome to come & enjoy the fun-filled event. The doors open at 10:00 a.m. on both days.

We need volunteers to staff our booth. Please contact Gerry Buydens at 250-383-4873 or gbuydens@shaw.ca Volunteers are needed for the following shifts: Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday, May 13, shifts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. You will welcome the public, hand out our Sunday tour schedule and answer questions relating mainly to Ross Bay Cemetery & OCS. If you do not have the answer, please record the question, the person's name, email address or phone number and someone will contact the enquirer.

BC Historical Federation Annual Conference

This exciting three-day event will take place on May 24 to 27 in the Nakusp area. Featured are speakers, the annual general meeting, a banquet and some field trips . Registration is open to anyone interested in history. For more information check the BC Historical Federation. Their website is <http://www.bchistory.ca/>

Please contact Gerry Buydens for a delegate form. You will need one in order to vote at the AGM.

A Tombstone Tourist in Corsica

Wilf Bruch

The town of Propriano is located on the south-west coast of Corsica, at the head of the Valinco Gulf and northwest of Sartene. It is about halfway between the major towns of Ajaccio to the north and Bonifacio to the south.

Much of the building in Propriano dates from the early 19th century, when the port was established and most of the town constructed. Although the same location had previously been occupied by the Romans and Greeks, little remains of early Propriano, which was frequently attacked and mostly destroyed by pirates during the 18th century. The Roman Catholic cemetery is located close to the town and overlooks the bay. The view is literally to die for! I could not find the actual history of the cemetery but it appears to go back to the mid 1800's. As the cemetery is on rock, most the burials are in family mausoleums. I even found some of them open for viewing. As usual, there was not enough time to explore all of this beautiful little piece of Corsica.



Submissions Solicited from our Readers

With the demise of our journal, *Stories in Stone*, our contributors were left with nowhere to publish longer articles. Such contributions are welcome by this publication and will be published if suitable. Submit contributions to the editor, rste00@shaw.ca

Tombstone Oddities

Walter Skold, a former public school technology teacher, founded the Dead Poets Society of America. In December of 2017 he commissioned Michael Updike, the son of novelist John Updike, to design and carve his tombstone, to be topped with a dancing skeleton and a quill.

In the photo Skold, left, and Updike are discussing the design.



With no previous indication of health problems, Skold died suddenly on January 20, 2018, after suffering a heart attack. He was 57. Updike said he never expected to be carving the monument so soon.

Last Words

Elizabeth Renat 1908-2008
 "Tell them sons of bitches I'm coming."