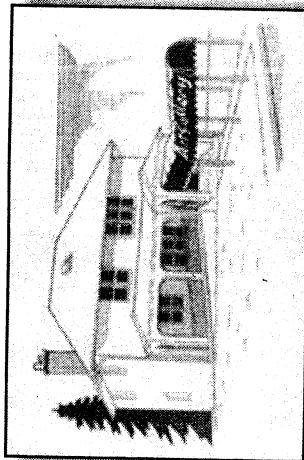




OSOYOOS ART GALLERY

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The Gallery is open year round, is wheelchair accessible, and provides a showcase for painters, potters and sculptors of the Okanagan Valley. The summer sales season begins in mid-May and continues until mid-September, and features a wide variety of juried work by local and area artists. The Gallery is operated by volunteers who are also on hand during open hours to provide information and answer questions about the artists. For the remainder of the year, the Gallery spotlights group and individual shows as well as community-wide exhibitions such as the very popular People's Choice every January and the Osoyoos Young Artists Show each February.

Osoyoos Painters and Potters will be featured at the Ink'mip Cellars in Osoyoos for the month of July 2006. Paintings of local scenes and unique pottery will be featured along with an opportunity to taste Okanagan Wines.

Sept. 15, 16, 17 & 18th the Osoyoos Painters and Potters will have an Exhibition at Hester Creek Estate Winery. Pottery and paintings and cards will be on display. Our art reflects the sun, desert and holiday atmosphere of Osoyoos and the Okanagan Valley.



The Osoyoos Museum Society held a book launch for *Nk'Mip Chronicles* last Saturday, and among the speakers were new museum president Don Chadderton (l) and former museum president Leslie Plaskett.

By Andrea Flexhaug

The Osoyoos Museum Society hosted a special celebration last Saturday afternoon to formally commemorate the publishing of the *Nk'Mip Chronicles*.

The occasion was a chance to bring together all of those involved in the publishing of the 2005 book. The *Nk'Mip Chronicles* is a compilation of the artwork of the students of teacher Anthony Walsh, who taught them at the Inkameep Day School between 1931 and 1942.

Museum president Don Chadderton introduced former museum president Leslie Plaskett, and commented that "it was Leslie Plaskett who made an astonishing discovery: a collection of artwork which had been lost for over 60 years." He also noted that "her quest led her to Dr.

Andrea Walsh who also recognized the significance of the collection." The collection of artwork had been lost in the sense that it had been sitting quietly on display in the museum for years without the proper recognition.

Dr. Walsh is the person responsible for compiling and editing the catalogue on the Inkameep Day School Art collection. She is an anthropology professor at the University of Victoria. Unfortunately, she sent regrets as she was unable to attend the commemoration due to illness.

Chief Clarence Louie spoke a few words on behalf of the Osoyoos Indian Band and has made news himself recently. Chief Louie will receive the Order of B.C. from the Lieutenant-Governor at Government House in Victoria next month.

Also on hand for the museum celebration were Charlotte Sanders of the *Nk'Mip Desert & Heritage Centre*, one of the sponsors for the catalogue, and Jane Stelkia, one of the former students of Anthony Walsh.

Other financial sponsors of the catalogue include the Osoyoos Credit Union, Osoyoos Arts Council, Community University Research Alliance, Interior Savings Credit Union, Osoyoos Super Valu, an anonymous donor (\$2,000) and the Osoyoos Museum itself.

Museum president Chadderton thanked the board members, volunteers and museum curator Gail Cornish "who has worked so energetically and put in many long hours to bring about this day of celebration."