

## **Media release January 2013**

### **Pamela Mar receives Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal**

Pamela Mar has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her ongoing service to the community of Nanaimo. She has given a great deal to her community commitments and her dedication to her volunteering projects shows how much value she puts on them.

She received her medal from Leonard Krogg MLA, at a ceremony on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Coast Bastion Hotel. Her friends and colleagues were there to congratulate and celebrate with her.

Pamela has devoted more than 8000 hours to the museum, where she has given her time and energy to a range of projects. She continues to lead the textiles team as it catalogues, repairs and develops exhibitions featuring the large collection of Nanaimo Museum textiles.

“Pamela has a great deal of expertise about textiles and our collection here at the museum has reaped the benefit of this. Congratulations and thank you Pam!” says general manager Debbie Trueman.

She has delivered historical walking tours of downtown Nanaimo as well as school programs to elementary aged students, when the museum was first establishing school programs. It was her work and that of others that can be credited for laying the ground work for the school programs we have today. Pam is a life member of the Nanaimo & District Museum Society and we are so pleased that our nomination was recognized.

Pamela Mar is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of her region. She has published several articles about the history of Nanaimo and was a founding member of the Nanaimo Heritage Advisory Committee.

The new commemorative medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. It also serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

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