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Cobalt News

Cobalt Artist Colony - July 12th to July 16, 2010

For over fifty years, artists and would be artists have been gathering in the Cobalt area to take part in a weeklong painting session. Artists come from all over Northern Ontario, from North Bay to Kapuskasing, and as far south as Burk's Falls. The Cobalt Artist Colony was first established by Caroline (Sutherland) MacArthur, who was its first governor. She was active in the Colony for over 20 years.

Artists gather daily at nine o'clock every morning at the Golden Age Club, towing along their folding chairs, paint boxes, canvases and sketchpads. While enjoying a cup of coffee and perhaps a muffin, the plans and locations for the day are discussed and then everyone sets off to the designated area for the day. Things wrap up around four o'clock, although participants can look forward to slide shows and/or lectures at least one evening during the week. Since the Colony is always in July, casual comfortable clothing is recommended.

The Cobalt Artist Colony is a fun time for the artists, and many enjoy the unique landscape and friendly atmosphere of the picturesque Cobalt area so much that they return year after year to "The Best Old Town".

For more information please contact Laura Landers at (705) 672-3534.

Spring Pulse Poetry Festival



The annual Spring Pulse Poetry Festival will be hosted May 8th to 15th in Cobalt, now officially the Poetry Capital of the North! Stay tuned for more news concerning this event that promises a weekend of great poetry and fine entertainment. See

www.springpulsepoetryfestival.com.

From the Archives of Historic Cobalt

Cobalt District Has Eighteen Shipping Mines

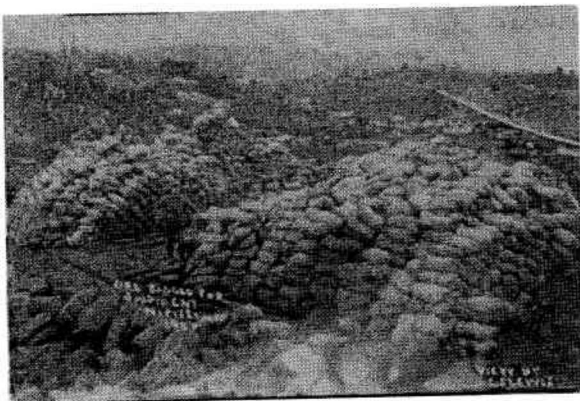
Nevada Mining News - May 1, 1906 to March 31, 1907

"Shipments from the Cobalt camp are now breaking all records. This is owing to the progress of the development work as well as improvements in the weather. Some of the mines, however, have been embarrassed by the fact that they must cut new roads in order to get their ore to the railroad, now that the snow is disappearing and the ice on the lake is melting. During the winter, the mines of the side of the lake opposite the railroad station could take their ore over the ice on sledges. The thaw, however, has forced them to build roads around the lake. *capital h on lake because it reasons Cobalt make.*

Some of the shipments from the Cobalt camp have been solid silver recently, and are of great value. Some of the richest specimens are from Nipissing and Cobalt Central. Some very fine specimens have also been taken from the Nova Scotia mine. The Cobalt Central has thus far been shipping only low-grade ore. The last car was sent to Waverly, N.J. averaging 700 ounces. Shipments have been averaging three cars a month. The price of a single carload of the low-grade ore is more than sufficient to pay the entire expenses of the Cobalt Central Company for a month, including all the development work on its five claims.

W.K. George, President, and W.H. Blake, Vice President of the Foster-Cobalt mine, have issued a statement in which they say: "The directors of the Foster-Cobalt mine are pleased to make the announcement that the development work, which has been pressed forward systemically and rapidly for several months, has resulted satisfactorily. After a careful consideration of the situation it was resolved not to proceed by open cut mining. Which, while it would have brought speedier development of the property, would have been more expensive in the long run."

Cobalt shipments for the first three months of the year 1907 amount to 2,898 tons, an average output each working day of 137 tons. The Drummond mine is one of the heaviest shippers in the camp, owing to the fact that the railway spur to Kerr Lake will run within a few yards of their property, they have shipped no ore this year but are simply storing it and then will continue to do so until the spur line is completed in August. This will save them an expensive haul of four miles. The Nipissing heads the list of shippers with 817 tons, and the other are: O'Brien, 639 tons; the Buffalo, 302 tons; Trethewey, 216 tons; Coniagas, 206 tons; La Rose, 187 tons; and the Silver Queen, 110 tons.



Nipissing ore bagged and ready for shipment, 1907.
Courtesy of the Cobalt Mining Museum

A rich strike has been made on the Argyle property. This is the section 15 in Concession 2, Bucke Township, which was recently bought by Boston and Ontario capitalists, who have gone steadily to work to make a mine.

President Earle's annual report of the Nipissing contains many interesting figures. Net profits from operations May 1, 1906 to March 31, 1907 amounted to \$866,095, which was added to surplus to \$624,628 then on hand. From this fund of \$1,490,723 dividends of \$1,000,000 have been declared, leaving a surplus now on hand of \$490,733. Of dividends declared by the operating (Nipissing Mining) \$800,000 were paid prior to March 31 and \$200,000 remaining were paid last month. These dividends, together with \$636 interest on bank balances, have constituted a total income of Nipissing Mines Company, against which dividends of \$960,000 were distributed by April 20. There are 8,000 shareholders. There were produced 1.103 tons of first class ore and 1,269 tons of second-class ore. The operating expenses were 12.7 per cent production, leaving a net profit of 87.3 per cent of production. The average expense was \$71.65. In the first class ore there were 1,339 ounces of silver in every ton and 193 ounces of silver in each ton of second-class ore.

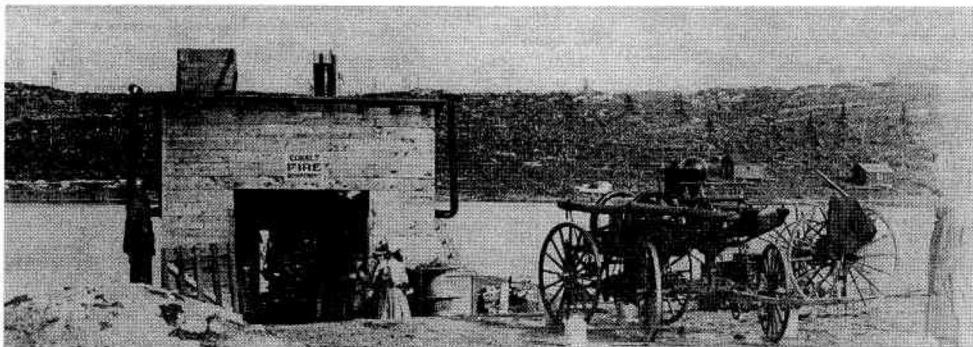
Exciting project soon to be launched!

In 2008, the Cobalt Historical Society, along with its partners the Cobalt Mining Museum and the Classic Theatre, were successful in their application under the Virtual Exhibit Investment Program of the Canadian Heritage Information Network. The project will soon be ready for its public launch and promises online viewers an interactive, choose your own adventure game that explores life in the early Cobalt mining camp. Stay tuned for further news concerning the innovative Cobalt Adventure project.

Cobalt Historical Society - Keeping Our History Alive!

It's that time of year again! We are always looking for new members, as well as trying to keep our established membership up to date and informed. If you know someone you think might be interested in the work of the Cobalt Historical Society, please let them know about the important work we do to keep Cobalt's exciting history alive. Also, please take the time to renew your own membership.

Included with this mailing is a Membership application card. Please examine the card and return it as soon as possible in the included self-addressed stamped envelope, along with your cheque for the type of membership you have selected. Thank you for your on-going support and interest.



Early photograph of Cobalt's Fire Department
Photo courtesy of Cobalt Mining Museum

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