

HAMILTON MACK LAING

NATURALIST / EDUCATOR

WRITER / ARTIST

VISIONARY / ANCESTOR



HAMILTON MACK LAING WAS A PIONEERING CHAMPION OF THE ENVIRONMENT WHO MADE HIS HOME IN THE COMOX VALLEY FROM 1922 UNTIL HIS PASSING IN 1982.

Laing dedicated his life to studying, educating about and advocating for the natural world. His writings, collections, and art populate the National Museum of Canada, the Smithsonian, the Royal BC Museum and several others.

In his Will, Laing bequeathed his home, *SHAKESIDES*, and the surrounding land to the Town of Comox. The Trust Agreement specified that these gifts become a park and nature-house museum where the community and future generations could learn about and enjoy nature. Mack's Will included enough money to create and sustain his stated vision in perpetuity. Instead the Town chose to spend his money on other projects

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT



In 2014 a demolition order was put on *SHAKESIDES* by the Town of Comox. This has been stalled through a legal process. The MLHS has diligently researched the feasibility of upholding the will and trust of Mack Laing. Supported by the results of their research, the society has undertaken advocating to save *SHAKESIDES* for the nature house museum Mack outlined. Currently the case is before the court.

YOU CAN HELP SAVE *SHAKESIDES*

✚ **WRITE and REQUEST** that *Shakesides* be saved and created into a nature house museum in accordance with Hamilton Mack Laing's will and trust.

Town of Comox Mayor and Councillors

<http://comox.ca/modx/about-council/>

Attorney General of BC

AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca

✚ **LEARN ABOUT MACK AND THE MACK LAING HERITAGE SOCIETY**

<http://macklaingsociety.ca>

✚ **GET INVOLVED** become A MLHS MEMBER

✚ **VISIT THE MACK LAING PARK AND SEE THE CURRENT STATE OF THE SHAKESIDES**

DONATIONS: FINANCIAL / GOODS + SERVICES

Individuals, businesses and trades-people, and organizations including Heritage BC and Comox Valley Nature, have already committed to this project.

The MLHS welcomes ongoing contributions to support the work of fulfilling the said wishes of Hamilton Mack Laing.

WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM WE CAN MAKE MACK'S VISION A REALITY.

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