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COMMUNITY NOW ON DVD

Year One of a history making film project available from the Whistler Museum & Archives

Whistler, BC, May 1, 2005 – If you were one of the few local history enthusiasts who missed out on the premiere of *Community Now: The People of Whistler*, fear not, on May 11th the Whistler Museum & Archives will be releasing the featurette-film on DVD.

The film premiere, held on February 25th, was well-attended as one of the highest turnouts for a Museum function. “The Museum has been contacted by many community members wishing to obtain copies of the film and wanting to participate in Year Two of the project,” says Jimi Galvao, Program and Design Coordinator. “We are very pleased with the positive response Community Now has received and are excited to make it available to the public.”

The Community Now project was developed in partnership with Celebration 2010™: Whistler Arts Festival and the Whistler Arts Council. Each year leading up to the 2010 Olympic Games, the Museum will produce a featurette-film focusing on a different local demographic: senior community members, adults, teens, and children. In 2009, all groups will be included together. In 2010, the individual films will be edited into a single full-length film. Each film will be premiered at a special reception with the final film being premiered at a much larger gala reception.

“This initiative not only celebrates arts, culture and heritage; it allows the Museum to document and preserve local stories for the education and enjoyment of generations to come,” says Galvao. “It also enables the Museum to reach out and connect with Whistler. As the new library facility is constructed and we face downsizing and other structural challenges, focusing on outreach programs is crucial in engaging and serving the community at large.”

Community Now DVDs are available at the Museum for a suggested donation of \$10. For further information contact Jimi Galvao at 604-932-2019 or jgalvao@whistlermuseum.org.