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Alberni Valley Museum
New Exhibit:

Art of Still:

The beauty and technology of glass plate photography

The Alberni Valley Museum announces a new in-house exhibit "Art of Still: The beauty and technology of glass plate photography". Using a collection of stunning black & white photographs, this exhibit presents photographic images as art while also studying the technical process responsible for creating them. Opening Friday, October 24, 2008 the display runs through to February 14, 2009.

The exhibit has been curated by Alberni Valley Museum Assistant Curator Kirsten Smith. The beautiful still life and landscape images, taken by an unknown photographer, span the years 1917 to 1929. Studio captured images of flowers, fruit and blossoms make up the majority of the photos, but there are also a number of exterior shots of the English Cotswolds and Lake District. The photographs are taken from glass plate negatives. "They are as well often accompanied by the technical information that the photographer used to create prints of the negatives, thus giving us an opportunity to explore the technical creation of the negatives and the prints" explains Kirsten. The aesthetic quality captured in these photographs can be examined alongside the artefacts responsible for their technical creation. Cameras and darkroom equipment from the Alberni Valley Museum provide an opportunity to explore the history of photography and showcase part of the museum's artefact collection.

Museum programs and services are made possible by funding from the City of Port Alberni and the BC Arts Council. Make sure you visit this fascinating exhibit on display through to February 14, 2009. Museum hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Thursdays to 8:00 pm. For more information please contact the museum at 723-2181.