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Visit of Winthuysen Descendant

Activity is just resuming here at the AMRC after the usual break for the summer. We look backwards on the joys of meeting and making friends, and forward to the events ahead.



In June we were delighted to welcome a visitor with an interesting family connection to the 18th-century Spanish voyages to the Georgia Strait and Nanaimo.

Javier Aparisi is a descendant of Don Francisco Javier de Winthuysen, after whom, as explained in [Issue 6](#), the stretch of water containing Nanaimo harbour was originally named. Javier and his family spent a day with John Black and Nick Doe exploring the Malaspina Galleries on Gabriola Island, and sharing facts and insights relating to the history of his family. We were very glad to make his acquaintance.

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Announcements

- Barry Gough has recently published *Through Water, Ice & Fire: Schooner Nancy of the War of 1812* (Toronto, Dundurn, 2006). The book recounts the history of the voyages, exploits and ultimate demise of the Great Lakes schooner captained by Alexander Mackintosh and Miller Worsley.
- A concert of chamber works by José Luis Greco, the composer of the opera *Malaspina*, will take place at the Cervantes Institute in New York, 211 East 49th St., at 7pm on 22nd September. The program includes *Nila* – *sonata for cello and piano*; *Southern Comfort* – *sonata for viola and piano* (a world première); *Dark Love* – *six essences for violin and piano*; and *Wonderland* – for string trio. It will be performed by four talented musicians from Russia: Yulia Iglinova, violin; Julia Malkova, viola; Anton Gakkel, cello; and Ilona Timchenko, piano.
- The Alaskan historian and book and map antiquarian Dee Longenbaugh is confirmed as our annual visiting lecturer for March 6, 2007. Details will be announced later.

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